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A record of some Descendants of

Peter Wentz The Immigrant

"Our ancestry,- a gallant Christian race,- Patterns of every virtue, every grace."
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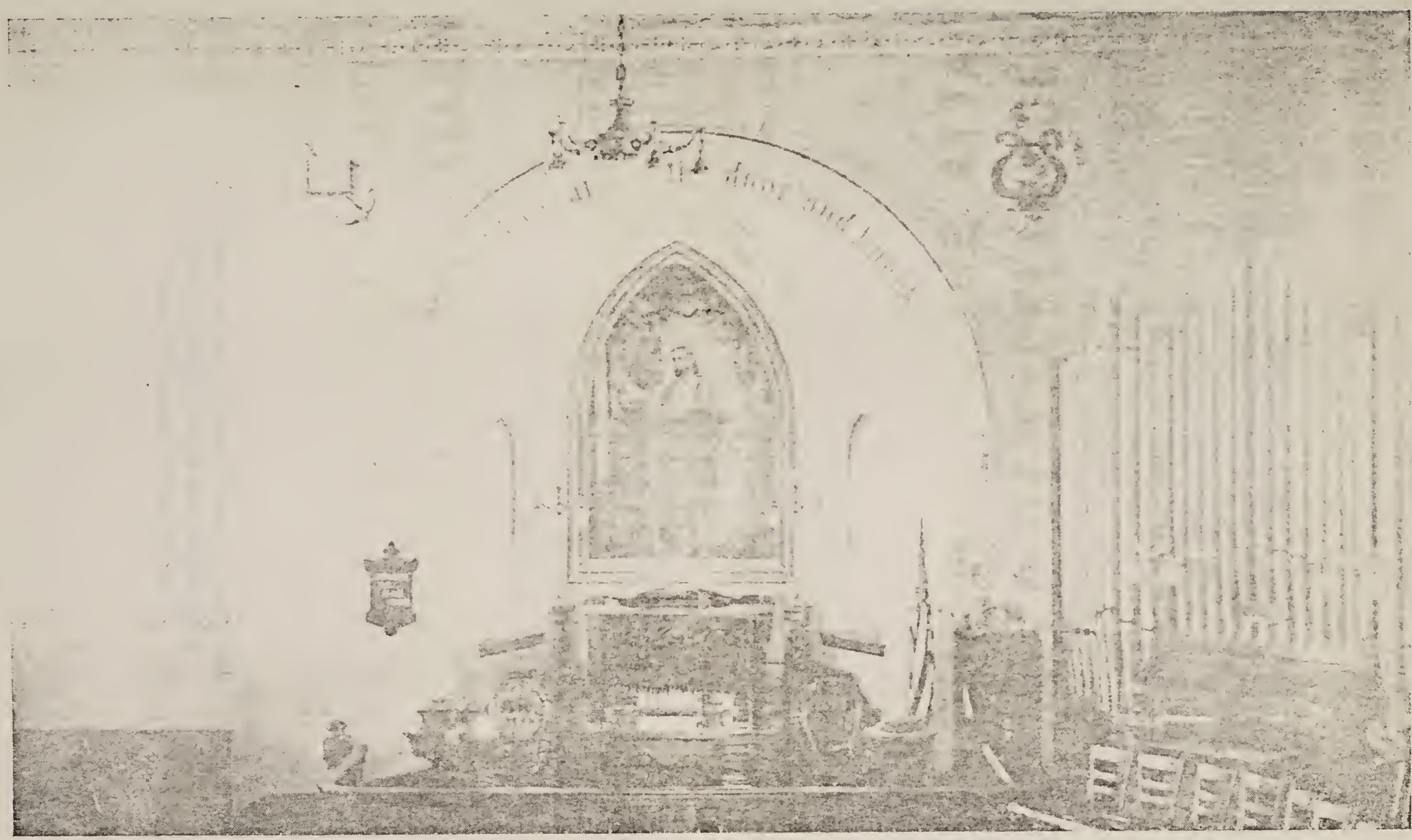

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This record is dedicated
as a memorial of
love and reverence
to our parents

Arthur Andrews Wentz

and

Elmira Wentz Earnhart

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FOREWORD

That the people of every nation are intensely curious as to the origin of the human family is evidenced by the many and varied stories of creation and of the first family to be found in the literature and traditions of every race. It is as natural for us to wish to know the origin and history of the several social families from which we are descended. Such a knowledge should not foster within us a foolish pride in the records of those gone before us, but should add to our pleasure and to a better understanding of ourselves—our limitations and our possibilities.

"The knowledge of our ancestors widens our horizon and gives a broader view of life and its responsibilities. We remember that posterity may sit in judgment on us, and our times, and this thought should be an inspiration and incentive to higher and better things."

Although the writers of these lines had little interest in family history until decidedly past their majority, they have found the search for genealogical data an ever increasingly fascinating game, not the least of their rewards being the pleasure derived from contact, by letter or by interview, with the many interesting people consulted. For "the Wentz family are a generous, hospitable, warm-hearted people."

After many urgent requests that the data be published, this simple history is presented for your perusal, with no claim to its exhaustiveness. There may be omissions, there may be imperfections in organization, but great care has been taken to prevent errors in facts from slipping in. If such there be, we ask your pardon.

The chief authorities for this brief history are courthouse records; data found in the libraries of the Historical Societies of Pennsylvania, Montgomery, and Lancaster; a history of the Wentz cemetery by Rev. D. D. Brendle, pastor of the Wentz Reformed Church of Worcester, Pa.; records of the same church; data gained during personal visits to

this church and the homes of several of the ancestors in Pennsylvania; tombstones; family bibles; letters; and personal interviews with many of the family.

The authors are deeply grateful to all who have in any way assisted in their undertaking.

May this record be carefully preserved and cherished and kept within the family from generation to generation.

Helen Wentz, Lake Charles, Louisiana
Bertha Earnhart, Oxford, Pennsylvania

July 4, 1938

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WENTZ

COAT OF ARMS

Arms—Gules, a chevron reflexed argent between three eagles or.
Crest—On a mount argent an eagle or.
Mantling—Argent and gules.
Motto—Ceter et audax.

I
EUROPE

THE NAME WENTZ

At first there existed no family names in Germany; only individual names, as in the Old Testament. Not before the tenth century, when the feudal tenures became hereditary, did the nobility commence to adopt surnames. The burghers of the cities imitated the nobility. Throughout the German lands, however, the Christian names retained the highest importance, so that only these were used in common life.

In innumerable cases, family names were formed of Christian names; the names of the estate, country, or place from which an individual came; one's character, defects, events, etc.; one's occupation or trade; the signs of houses.

The counsellor, M. Fredrich Bogislav Wentz, who lived at Potsdam many years ago, claimed that the name Wentz evolved from Wenzer [Vintager], because on the Rhine where it is found early there are so many vintagers or wine makers; however, this derivation is not probable.

Some have erroneously thought Wenzo an abbreviation of Wenceslaus, but from the records it is obvious that the name Wentz appears mostly at such times and in such countries where Bohemian influence had no power.

Wentz is an ancient German Christian name already in existence when Christian names commenced to change into family names.

The name Wentz is derived, according to Rev. Carl Frederick Wilhelm Julius Wentz, from St. Wendelin, and is found in many forms; as, Wenzelo, Wenzel, Wenzo, Wendelin, Wendelheim, Wandalin, Wandal, Quanzo, Wanzo,

Wanzzo, Wanso, Wencio, Wazo, Wenzonis, Wentz. Our name appears, 1041, for the first time in old high German shape, Wenzo. German scholars give the following development of the name: Wandalin, Wandelin, Wendelin, Wendel, Wenzo, Wenzelo, Wentzo, Wentz. Records show our name in an almost uninterrupted line for 1100 years, changing indeed as language changed.

We find the spelling Wenz only since 1700, and it is now most remarkable that the Catholic families, without exception spell Wenz, thus they can be distinguished from the Protestant Wentz. Probably the former derive their name from Wenceslaus.

About 1800 the Wurtemburg family Wentz abandoned the spelling of their ancestors, and introduced the new form of Wenz. They were followed soon after by the Nordlinger family. Our way of spelling it has existed since 1277, as is proved by documents. In that year we find the Wentzenfeld [Wentz's field] near Bingen on the Rhine.

[The above is from an article by Rev. Carl Frederich Wilhelm Julius Wentz, author of a German history of the Wentz family. In the original of this article authorities are given for every quotation. Rev. Mr. Wentz, son of M. Fredrich Bogislav Wentz of Potsdam, lived, in 1883, in Wartenberg, in Pommerania, Prussia, aged seventy-two.]

In early Pennsylvania records the name Wentz is found variously spelled; as, Wens, Wenz, Wence, Whence, soon conforming to the present Wentz.

ST. WENDELIN

As our name is derived from Wendelin, it is of particular importance to us.

St. Wendelin, born about 554, was a son of a Scotch king. His father, King Ferchard, entrusted the boy to a bishop for education. There he acquired a desire for divine objects, renounced his hereditary rights and the throne, and visited holy shrines in the garb of a pilgrim. Thus he came to a wilderness of the so-called Westerreich, built a hut there, and later became a shepherd in the service of a Knight of Trier, whom he succeeded in converting to the

Christian faith. He afterward became a hermit in the convent of the Benedictines, at Tholey, and cured the sick cattle of the peasantry, and afterward reluctantly accepted the management of the convent as abbot, where he died, 617.

His corpse was brought to his former hermitage, a chapel was built over it, to which pilgrims of all parts came, especially from England and Scotland. Later a village was built there, out of which the Archbishop Balduin, of Trier, in 1327, created the city of St. Wendel, belonging now to the district of Trier.

The Catholic Church has appointed the 23rd of October as St. Wendel's day, but in the Lutheran almanac it is celebrated on the 20th of October.

St. Wendelin was highly respected, especially as it seems by the peasants along the Rhine, as the royal, pious shepherd is the patron saint of the cattle.

In olden times children were baptized on the day of their birth, and if they were born on any saint's day, the custom was to name them after the saint. Now it may safely be concluded that our ancestor was born and christened on either the 20th or 23rd of October, many centuries ago. Where he lived and what he was, we indeed do not know, but we are quite certain as to his birthday, and that would then, at the same time, be the birthday of the family of Wentz.

With this we do not assert at all that all families of Wentz must spring from the same progenitor, for that does not follow from the name they have in common. It is possible that "Wentzs" lived at various places where the Christian name changed into a family name.

[Ibid.]

EUROPEAN BACKGROUND

The Wentz families are widely distributed throughout Germany, Holland, Switzerland, and those parts of Europe that have come under German influence. Numerous references to the name Wentz, in its varied forms, are to be found in old Latin documents and other records.

The name St. Wendelin, from which Wentz is derived, appears first about the year 600. But at the same time we meet with the diminutive and endearing forms with z.

In 744 the name Quanzo is found in a work published by Pardessus. As the Latin language had no w,—v, vv, gu [Guilemus], or even qu was substituted.

At the time of King Pipin there appears a Wanzo, when a certain Anno made a donation to the famous convent of St. Gallen. The same name is recorded in 761, 762, 790, 797, 802, which is spelled Wanzo, and in 854 Wanzzo. Later appears a Wanso and even Uencio; the u in the last word is nothing but v or w, to be read Wencio.

In 1041 Pertz, a historian, in writing of the Bishop Wazo says: Hic Wazo fuit frater Wenzonis Abbatis Florinis. [This Wazo was a brother of the Abbot Wenzo of Florence.] Our name appears here for the first time in old high German shape, with the termination o, perhaps not as a family name but as a Christian name.

In 1244 there is mentioned an Elizabeth Wenzonis, near Zell, on the Moselle river.

In 1277 we find the Wentzenfeld [Wentz's field] near Bingen on the Rhine, which field the Count Sponheim entailed on the bishop of Mayence.

In 1318 a Wentzo is recorded as a witness.

In 1341 Wentzo Kyppe, at Bingen, had a litigation with the Convent of Ruppertsberg.

In 1361 there lived at Oppenheim Wentzo dictus Swendegelt.

In 1409 Wentz of Oppenheim came to Basel and became a citizen there.

Leu, the historian, in the helvetic lexicon, Swiss Encyclopedia [1764], spells the name first Wenz, and hereupon Ochs, in the history of Basel, seems to rely, for he always spells Wenz, while all the numerous old monuments and manuscripts at Basel show only Wentz.

WENZ. In the fourteenth century there came from Moravia to the city of Basel, a family whose forefather was

named WENZESLAUM von der Lorch; from the baptismal name the family name Wenz originated. Also, after the battle at St. James near the city of Basel in the year 1444 a Bulgarian named Michael Wenz von St. Polten arrived from Lower Austria and became the first merchant, living in a palatial house. There are to be found [descendants] of this family four brothers:

MATTHAUS [MATTHEW], who became an ensign in the year 1513 over the people who were sent from the city of Basel to Duke Maximilian of Milan;

HANS HEINRICH [Hans Henry], who was canonical doctor of law and choir director of the charitable foundation [or institution] of St. Peter at Basel;

JOHANNES [JOHN], who was doctor of theology and Master of Liberal Arts and choir director of the charitable institution of St. Peter in the year 1502, and 1512 he became rector of the high school at Basel;

LEONHARD, who contributed much to religious reforms and in the year 1536 became an alderman at Basel.

Of these [brothers] HANS HENRY was the father of Gregory, of whose sons Jacob became Governor of Basel and Hieronymus [Jerome], father of Gregory, became an employer.

MATTHEW, whose sons were named Hans Henry and Leonhard, the last mentioned [Leonhard] became alderman in the year 1629. In the year 1630 he became a woodcarver. In 1650 a first superintendent. His son Baltazar also became an employer.

Although he had moved to another place, HANS HENRY, Jr., son of the same name, was city assessor and was a grandfather of Louis [Ludwig] who in 1720 became licentiate of law and who received a call to St. Petersburg but did not accept it; in the year 1750 he became an extraordinary professor of mechanics at Basel and 1752 became notary public, marriage license clerk, and afterwards dropped his chosen profession; he was also a member of

the Swiss Academy of Physical Mathematics at Basel. The following books were printed at Basel, by him published: eight books in Latin on mathematics and physics, one book in German, and four volumes of physical mathematics in Swiss.

[Leu, Swiss Encyclopedia, Zurich, 1764,
Vol. 19, p 286, et seq.]

Members of Wentz families are buried in churchyards in Basel, Switzerland, where on the doors of their sepulchers are cut their family crest or coat of arms. The inscriptions on some of the tombs date back nearly four hundred years.

Some of the Wentz family, it is said, left Basel for religious or commercial reasons, going down the Rhine and settling in the rich lower valley. When later persecutions came, members of these families emigrated, some finding a haven in Holland and some in America. We have been told that Peter and Valentine Wentz were thus of the Wentz family of Basel.

MAEYKEN WENS, THE MARTYR

"The story of the burning of Maeyken [Mary] Wens, at Antwerp, in 1573, is more than ordinarily pathetic. 'Thereupon on the next day,' says the account, 'which was the sixth of October, this pious and God-fearing heroine of Jesus Christ, as also her other fellow believers, who in like manner had been condemned, were with their tongues screwed fast, like innocent sheep brought forward, and after each was tied to a stake in the market place, were robbed of life and body by a dreadful and horrible fire, and in a short time were burned to ashes. . . .The oldest son of this aforementioned martyr, called Adrian Wens, about fifteen years old, upon the day on which his dear mother was sacrificed, could not stay away from the execution, so he took his youngest brother, called Hans Matthias Wens, about three years old, on his arm, and stood on a bench not far from the burning-stake to witness his mother's death. But when she was brought to the stake he fainted, fell down, and lay unconscious until his mother and the others were burned. Afterward, when the people had gone away and

he came to himself, he went to the place where his mother was burnt, and hunted in the ashes until he found the screw with which her tongue had been screwed fast, and he kept it for a memento. There are now, 1659, still many descendants of this pious martyr living well known to us, who after her name, are called Maeyken Wens.' "

[Samuel W. Pennypacker, Historical and Biographical Sketches, 1883, pp. 167-168. Also see chapter entitled Der Blutige Schau-Platz Oder Martyrer Spiegel, Ephrata, Pa., 1748. Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography, Vol. 4, page 276.]

One Carl Ludwig Wentz was Stallmeister [Master of the Horse] to the Duke of Baden.

Thus we find the Wentz families in Europe chiefly in southwest Germany,—especially in the valley of the Rhine, the Palatinate, Baden, Wurtemburg, Bavaria [Oppenheim and Nordlingen],—and across the border in Basel, Switzerland. Some went to St. Gallen, Switzerland, and Florence, Italy, while others are found as far north as Brandenburg and Pommerania.

A letter signed by Josiah V. Thompson, President of the First National Bank of Uniontown, Pa., and directed to Henry Dodderer, relates that he made some inquiries while in Europe and found that Christian Markel married in Amsterdam, Holland, Jemima Wentz, sister of Admiral Wentz, and emigrated to Pennsylvania.

[Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania, Mss. Dodderer Papers XII, p. 137]

"Pennypacker. . . .shows that the first impulse of the German migration into Pennsylvania came from Crefeld, a town of weavers and craftsmen along the lower Rhine, near the borders of Holland. Many Germans who had suffered persecution found a refuge at Crefeld, and they gladly accepted Penn's invitation to settle in his province. . . .In June, 1683, the first German emigrants sailed for Philadelphia in the ship Concord. . . .Jacob Telner, of Crefeld,

who had extensive business interests in Amsterdam, spent thirteen years in the new colony."
[The Pennsylvania-German Magazine, July, 1906, p. 154]

"The German colonists Penn brought here represent a far higher level of education than his English colonists. They were more advanced in the arts, they were better versed in letters, and they represent a higher educational standard than existed in England, whose schools were at their lowest ebb."

[Ibid., p. 156]

"The cause of the migrations of the Germans to Pennsylvania was in the majority of cases a religious one, more or less clearly defined—a search for liberty. Most of the immigrant Germans, of whatever 'sect' or church, were advocates of freedom of religion." [Ibid., p. 191]

In discussing the traits of German-Americans, one writer aptly describes them as phlegmatic, showing in neither face or figure those lines of strain and hurry which have become almost the essential marks of the Anglo-Saxon; steady, effective workers; reliable in positions of trust; democratic; enjoying the simple, wholesome, original pleasures of life; great lovers of country life.

LETTER FROM DR. ABDEL ROSS WENTZ, D.D., PH.D., OF GETTYSBURG, PA.

to his brother relating to his visit to
Partenheim in the Palatinate
Written October 19, 1908

"On Thursday, October 2nd, I got up earlier than usual [at 5 o'clock], took the train at Mayence, rode on the main line as far as Jngelheim halfway between Mayence and Bingen, changing cars, rode with an unpretending branch-line to the end-station Jugendheim, walked a mile farther, and so arrived about 9 o'clock at the village of Partenheim. I had written to the pastor there that I was coming that day, and so upon my arrival I took the liberty to call upon him. He received me most kindly, took me into his study, placed the church books at my disposal for investigation, helped me in my search, gave me dinner, showed me the town, church, graveyards, etc., in short, gave me the whole day of his time.

"What I wanted to know of the church books was this: First, is

there any record of the birth, wedding, or emigration of this Valentine Wentz, as the tombstone at Sherman's Church says, was born on the 10th of July, 1717, and married in the year 1749? Second, is there any record of Valentine's father Frederick who was born I knew not when, or is there any record of his posterity perhaps even to the present day?

"Sizing up the church books that still exist at Partenheim, I found them to be as follows: one book covering the period from 1592 to 1697, containing a record of the baptisms, weddings, and funerals, without any index whatever, hard to read, written in the abbreviated Latin of that period, ink often very much faded, the leaves sometimes worn off as much as an inch. For the period from 1719 to 1785 there are three books, one recording the baptisms, one the weddings, and one the funerals. This was a stormy time of war and persecutions, and these three books have a great many gaps as a result. More carefully kept are the records for the periods from 1785 to 1798, from 1798 to 1842, and from 1843 to the present, three books for each period. Sad to say, the book covering the period from 1698 to 1718 is lacking, just the book that could have answered my first question. No doubt the French, when they ravaged this country in the 18th century, either destroyed this book or carried it away and it was never returned and so disappeared....

"The oldest Wentz record that I could find anywhere was made on March 29, 1668, when Johannis Wentz [Heinez Wentzen Sohn] married Anna Katharina Anspach. Now let us take up the account at that point and dropping all the other Wentz records follow this Johannis Wentz, son of Heinz Wentz. We find that to Johannis Wentz and Anna Katharina were born:

Johann Theobald Wentz, Jan. 19, 1672.

Hans Velten, Feb. 1678. Sponsor at baptism a Hans Velten.

John Wilhelm, July 4, 1680.

Anna Lizabetha, January 29, 1682.

Anna Otilia, April 29, 1684.

Friedrich, baptized April 20, 1685. Sponsor Frederick Klingmeyer.

"....The father of Johannes Wentz was Heinz Wentz. Now we know that Heinz is a shortened form for Heinrich. And I think the name Wentz must be shortened from something also....It would seem to me that sometime before 1650 a certain Heinrich Wendtland came from somewhere and took up his abode in Partenheim and when asked his name knew no better than to give the name by which he was called, Heinz Wentz. Here he started the Wentz family and three generations later, when the persecutions at the hands of the French became so severe, some of these Wentzes emigrated to America,....

"But they didn't all emigrate to America....Those who remained in Germany and their posterity have all died except one.... Margaretha Philippina Wentz....married to Johann Georg Nehrbass.

....In the death of her father in 1894 the Partenheim Wentz family died out.

"I find that from the year 1800 on the Wentzes began to drop the t out of their name and spell it Wenz, and that is the way I find it spelled at other places in Germany....

"I visited the church which is the same old building in which our ancestors were baptized and married....

"I tell you it arouses one's family pride to stand in the town and in the very church where hundreds of years ago one's ancestors lived and worshipped enjoying the high esteem and respect of all about them. For it was easy to see from the church records that the old Wentzes were a respected lot and stood very high in their community. Oh! it's a great name, and we can only hope that it will be respected and esteemed as highly in the centuries to come in our own country as it is at present and as it has been in the centuries past!....

Hoping to hear from you soon, I am
Your brother
Abdel Ross Wentz
Berlin N. W. 52
Luneburger Str. 21"

Among the many Wentz immigrants that came at different times and established themselves in various parts of the United States, there were three who entered America through Philadelphia in the eighteenth century and settled in the southeastern counties of Pennsylvania:

Johannes Jost Wentz
Valentine Wentz
Peter Wentz

Johann Jost Wentz was born in Beerfelden, Hessen Darmstadt, Germany, and, in 1773, came with his wife and son John Peter [b. March 9, 1770] to Philadelphia, removing very soon to Upper Milford Township, Northampton [now Lehigh] County, Pa. On his journey he passed through Montgomery County, but so far as is known he was unaware of Peter Wentz's family there. Some of the sons of Johann Jost Wentz moved to New York state the early part of the nineteenth century. Johann Jost Wentz was not related to Peter or Valentine. [Richard Willing Wentz has published a record of the descendants of Johann Jost Wentz.]

Valentine, in 1743, and later his brothers, Philip and

Frederick, are believed to have come from Partenheim, Germany, finally settling mainly in York County, Pa. [Dr. Abdel Ross Wentz of Gettysburg, Pa., is of this family.]

Peter Wentz, said to be a descendant of the Basel family, was among the earliest settlers of the Skippack region of the Perkiomen Valley, taking up land in Philadelphia [later Montgomery] County, Pa., in 1704. [Hinke: History of Goshenhoppen Church, p. 7] His descendants lived in Montgomery, Philadelphia, Chester, and Lancaster Counties for several generations, though some have scattered throughout the country.

The similarity of names in, and the intimacy of, the two families have led one genealogist, as well as members of both families, to believe that Peter Wentz was the uncle of Valentine Wentz.

The following account is given by some of our Wentz family. Diligent inquiry has failed to disclose the source of this information, and, as the statements do not all fit the known facts of our family that are matters of record, we shall consider it a family myth.

"The Wentz family is of German origin. In 1277 is found mention of Wentzenfeld [Wentz's field], near Bingen-on-the-Rhine, which field was entailed to the Bishops of Mayence. In June or July, 1731. four brothers, Beltzer, John, George, and Karl, from the Palatinate. in Germany, sailed in the ship "Samuel" for America. Purchasing land on Skippack creek, in the northern part of Philadelphia [now Montgomery] county, they located there and built a church which still exists and is known as Wentz's Church. From these four brothers are descended the many of the name in Lancaster county."

[Biographical Annals of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, J. H. Beers & Co., 1903, page 149]. This same information was also given to Richard Willing Wentz by Charles E. Wentz of Lancaster, Pa.]

II
PETER I.

PETER WENTZ, THE IMMIGRANT

PETER WENTZ[1] was born in Germany about 1680, and died November 1, 1749 in Worcester Township, Philadelphia County, Pa. [Tombstone, Wentz Cemetery, Worcester, Pa. Also Dotterer, Perkiomen Region, Past and Present, Vol. 1, No. 2.] He married Elizabeth L_____, who died May 18, 1744. [Tombstone, Wentz Cemetery, Worcester, Pa.]

Children of Peter and Elizabeth Wentz living to maturity and named in their father's will:

JACOB WENTZ, b. circa 1715, d. 1782, m. Elizabeth Boyer.
PETER WENTZ, b. 1719, d. 1793, m. Rosanna Margaretha.....
PHILIP WENTZ, b. 1722, d. 1804, m. 1st, Abigail...., m. 2d, Appolonia, Hartman.
ABRAHAM WENTZ, b 1725, d. 1774, m. Mary.....
CATHARINE WENTZ, d. 1745, m. 1st, Henry Snyder, m. 2d, Simeon Henry Haker, Gentleman.

There probably were other children who died young as Peter refers in his will to Jacob as "my oldest son now living."

The family of Peter Wentz lived, it is said, in Partenheim, Germany, a little village beautifully situated between two small hills in a fertile district not far distant from Bingen-on-the-Rhine. It was from Partenheim, so the story goes, that Peter [prior to 1704], and later his nephews, Valentine [1743], Philip, and Frederick, came to seek their fortunes in the New World. Dr. Abdel Ross Wentz of Gettysburg, Pa., has visited this village and the church that our ancestors once attended. It is easy, he says, to see from the church records that the old Wentzes were a respected lot and stood very high in their community.

Among the earliest settlers of the Skippack region of the Perkiomen Valley was Peter Wentz.

"As he paid quit-rent March 15, 1718, on 100 acres for a period of 10 years and on 50 acres for a period of 14 years, he must have settled in the valley as early as 1704."

[Hinke, History of Goshenhoppen Church, p. 7.]
He probably came from the Palatinate or Alsace, from which province many of his associates emigrated. There is, however, no record of the ship on which he sailed or of the date of his arrival. It was not until later that Pennsylvania began to keep records of her immigrants.

It was this Peter Wentz who, tradition says, was a wild rover of the high seas and commanded a privateer. After coming to America he reformed and, settling down to farming, joined the Dunkers or Brethren sect. [Dunkers—a sect of German-American Baptists, properly termed Brethren, who migrated to Pennsylvania about 1728, because they were persecuted in Germany. In some respects they resemble Quakers.] It was his sons who were instrumental in organizing the Reformed Church, still known by the family name.

[Montgomery Transcript, October 13, 1911.]
He must have been possessed of considerable means, for, as is said by one writer: "The single-hearted, God-fearing men, who sought in a foreign land that religious liberty which was denied them at home, were, with but few exceptions, men of family, for in those days, a large sum of money was required to equip a vessel for a long voyage, and provide the means of subsistence when the colonists were arrived at their destination"; and he became, after his arrival in America, the owner of considerable land. We have stood and gazed and, far as eye could reach, in every direction was land at one time possessed by Peter Wentz, the Immigrant. Truly it could be said of him, "He was monarch of all he surveyed."

Peter Wentz was one of the Petitioners for the Skippack Road in 1712.

Peter Wentz, the Elder, was naturalized in Philadelphia County, Pa., January 9, 1729/1730. [Rupp's Collection of 30,000 Names of Immigrants in Pennsylvania, Appendix II, p. 434. "Names of early settlers of Berks and Montgomery Counties, Originally Philadelphia County, who were

naturalized Jan. 9, 1729/1730....Votes of Assembly, III, p. 131, Peter Wentz's name heads the list.]

He was a member of the old Skippack Reformed Church.

[Hinke, Life and Letters of Rev. John Philip Boehm]

HOME OF PETER WENTZ, THE IMMIGRANT
Built 1744, Worcester, Pa.

In 1744, in Worcester [also called Center Point], Pa., Peter Wentz built a two-story Colonial house of red sandstone. Though the appearance of the house testifies to its antiquity, it is still in a state of good preservation. The beams and rafters and construction work of the house are of a high order of excellency and testify to the force of character of the builder. Later the house was added to. There is still to be seen, in the second story, the little old funeral door, through which the coffin was carried and let down.

Peter Wentz acquired several thousands of acres in Worcester Township, Montgomery County, Pa. [Scrap Book No. 91, pp. 51 and 139, in Library of Historical Society of Montgomery County, Pa., at Norristown, Pa.]

March 15, 1718, he paid quit-rent on 100 acres for a

period of ten years and on 50 acres for a period of fourteen years. [Hinke, History of Goshenhoppen Church, p. 7. Also, Perkiomen Region, Past and Present, Vol. I, No. 2.] This land was located in the south-western part of Towamencin Township [Mathew's History of Towamencin] and was close to the Skippack stream.

He later acquired by purchase in fee several large tracts.

Deed, February 10, 1711. Thomas Fairman, of Shackamaxon, County of Philadelphia, and Elizabeth, his wife, to Peter Wentz, of Chestnut Hill in Germantown, yeoman, in consideration of £24, a tract of land situate in the County of Philadelphia adjoining land of Henry Frey, Peter Virbin, containing 100 acres, part of 666 acres purchased by said Thomas Fairman from Elizabeth Weld, March 4, 1704.

Witness: Caspar Stoodt
William Bettridge
[Philadelphia Deeds E 6, Vol. VII, p. 186]

[Chestnut Hill is part of the city of Philadelphia.]

Deed, June 19, 1714. Johannes Kolb, of Philadelphia County, and Sarah, his wife, to Peter Wentz, a tract of 104 acres in Towamencin Township adjoining the above tract.

[Philadelphia Deeds E 7, Vol. X, p. 32.]

Deed, May 16, 1716. Hans Yeost Hyde, of Philadelphia County, and Anna Maria, his wife, to Peter Wentz, a small tract of 13¾ acres in Towamencin Township. [Philadelphia Deeds]

Deed of Partition, May 1, 1719. August 11, 1715, Peter Wens and Lawrence Swisser bought of William Willis, of Hempstead, Queens County, Island of Nassau, New York, and Mary, his wife, in consideration of £85, 250 acres in New Bristol Township [now Worcester Township], and by Deed of Partition, May 1, 1719, between Peter Wens, of New Bristol, near Skippack, County of Philadelphia, and Lawrence Swisher, of same, it was agreed that Lawrence Swisher shall have one-third, or 83 1/3 acres, adjoining land of George Collet and David Lloyd, and the said Peter Wens shall have and enjoy the remaining two-thirds.

[Signed] Peter [PW his mark] Wens
Elizabetha Wensin [in German]
[Philadelphia Deeds G 2, p. 199]

This last conveyance was signed Peter [PW his mark] Wens and his wife signed in German "Elizabetha Wensin," indicating she was an educated woman. The "in" added to the name is customary and is the feminization of the surname Wentz.

The tracts bought of Fairman, Kolb, and Hyde he held until April 6, 1742, when he and his wife, Elizabeth, sold them to his son-in-law, Simeon Henry Haker, of Towamencin, gentleman, who married their daughter Catharine. [See deed of April 6, 1742.]

[Philadelphia Deeds G 3, p. 160 et seq.]

About the year 1720 the land of the township of Worcester was being sold by English merchants, who had bought it of Penn. Settlers came into the country looking for permanent homes. Old Peter Wentz, living along the Skippack, saw his opportunity and purchased large tracts of land.

"His large estate was bounded on the north by the Morris Road, on the west it started at the Morris Road and followed the Henning Road [the old Mill Road] southward to the present Wentz's Church property where, cutting right through this property, it followed a straight course to the road running east and west which forms the southern boundary of the properties of Amos Schultz and Dr. Powell. Incidentally, I might say that this short road is very old. I have seen it mentioned in an old deed to Abraham Lefeber of the year 1708. The boundaries of the Wentz estate were simple straight lines with the exception of the southern one. It started at a stone in the southern road and ran eastward in a straight line parallel to the Morris Road to a point where the road leading due south from the Morris Road at Locust Corner would intersect it. From this point of intersection the boundary line ran northward to a large stone in line with the Skippack Road, and from this point eastward the Skippack Road is the southern boundary to Homsher's Hill. Here the Buck Road, from the Skippack Road to the Morris Road is the eastern boundary." [Rev. D. D. Brendle, Pastor of Wentz's Church.] At the death of Peter Wentz this estate was divided among his five children.

Patent, February 10, 1728. The Commissioners of Property for the Province of Pennsylvania granted unto Peter Wentz, of Worcester Township, 1000 acres of land in Philadelphia County—a considerable part of which was situated in Oley, now Berks County.

[Harrisburg Patent Book A, Vol. VIII, p. 73.]

Deed, February 28, 1729. John Bland, of London, goldsmith,

and Priscilla, his wife, John Mann, of London, merchant, and Mercy, his wife, Clement Plumstead, of Philadelphia, merchant, and Samuel Powell, of Philadelphia, merchant, to Peter Wentz, of Skippack, County of Philadelphia, in consideration of £141, a full undivided third part in a tract situate in Bristol on Skippack adjoining land of Sarah Hersent, Thomas Cox, James Peters, Joseph Place, containing 656 acres granted by William Penn to Isaac Norris and David Lloyd, Executors of Thomas Lloyd and said Executors sold one full third part unto Theodore Eccleston, Administrator of Mercy Benthal, deceased daughter of Thomas Hart of Enfield, etc., and said Theodore Eccleston deceasing, his son and heir, John Eccleston of London, by deed of December 11, 1728, declared a trust to said Theodore Eccleston, and also granted one full third of said tract to Priscilla Bland and Mercy Mann in fee.

[Philadelphia Deeds G 2, p. 41.]

Deed, September 22, 1736. Peter Wentz, of Worcester Township, Philadelphia County, and Elizabeth, his wife, conveyed to James Deeplank, of Oley, Philadelphia County, in consideration of £200 a tract of land on a branch of the river Schuylkill, called Tawoony, containing 514 acres, part of 1000 acres acquired by Patent in 1728.

[Philadelphia Deeds F 9, p. 237.]

Deed, March 3, 1738/9. Richard Ashfield, of city of New York, gentleman, grandson and heir of Patience Ashfield, late of Staines, County of Middlesex, England, deceased, to Peter Wentz, of Skippack, County of Philadelphia, yeoman, an undivided two-thirds part of a 656-acre tract situated in Bristol on Skippack. Recites Patience Ashfield was sister and devisee under will of Thomas Hart of London, who by his will of December 19, 1704, P. C. C., devised one-third to his daughter Mercy Benthal, one-third to Patience Ashfield, one-third to Joseph Heal, etc. [Philadelphia Deeds F 10, p. 370.]

Deed, August 28, 1739. Peter Wentz, of Worcester Township, Philadelphia County, Pa., yeoman, and Elizabeth his wife, to George Good, of same. Refers to deed of February 28, 1729, John Bland, of London, England, goldsmith, and Priscilla, his wife, et al to Peter Wentz, a tract of 656 acres. [Philadelphia Deeds G 2, p. 39.] Also to a deed from Richard Ashfield, of New York, to said Peter Wentz for 110 acres. [Philadelphia Deeds G 5, p. 280.]

Deed, April 6, 1742. Peter Wentz, of Worcester, County of Philadelphia, yeoman, and Elizabeth his wife, to Simeon Henry Haker of Towamencin in said county, gentleman. Refers to deed by Thomas Fairman, of Shackamaxon, to Peter Wentz, and recites: Whereas Johannes Kolb and Sarah, his wife, by deed June 19, 1714, granted to Peter Wentz 104 acres, and whereas Hans Yeost Hyde and Anna Maria, his wife, by deed of May 16, 1716, granted to Peter Wentz a tract of

13¾ acres and the said Peter Wentz and Elizabeth, his wife, in consideration of £320 convey these three tracts containing, in all, 167¾ acres.

|Signed| Peter |PW his mark| Wentz
Elizabeth Wentz
|Philadelphia Deeds G 3, p. 160.]

Mortgage Deed, April 12, 1742. Simeon Henry Haker, of Towamencin, County of Philadelphia, gentleman, to Peter Wentz of Worcester, said county, yeoman, in consideration of £244, a messuage and plantation situate in Towamencin, on branch of Skippack Creek, adjoining Jacob Fry and Bebber |?|, containing 167 acres, to be paid £118 10 s on November 16, 1743, and £126 on November 16, 1744.

Witnesses: Robert and William Jones.

November 10, 1743. John Penn, Thomas Penn, and Richard Penn, Honorable Proprietaries of the Province of Pennsylvania, by their Patent dated November 10, 1743, under hand of their Lieutenant Governor George Thomas, and the seal of the |then| Province, confirmed unto Peter Wentz, of the Township of Worcester, County of Philadelphia, Pa., 956 acres of land in Worcester Township. August 10 and 11, 1682, William Penn Granted 1000 acres in the Province of Pennsylvania to Charles Marshall, of London, who granted it to Thomas Cox, of London, January 28 and 29, 1683 |?|; said to contain 914 acres by survey of June 14, 1690. Said Thomas Cox, by will of March 24, 1709, bequeathed it to his son Thomas Cox. Said Thomas Cox, by will of January 12, 1738, bequeathed it to his son John Cox, who sold it to Clement Plumstead, May 3 and 4, 1743; and Clement Plumstead and Mary, his wife, deeded it to Peter Wentz, August 23 and 24, 1743. By warrant of land office it was again surveyed and found to contain 956 acres, which was confirmed to Peter Wentz by Patent November 10, 1743. |Patent Book A, Vol. XII, p. 66.]

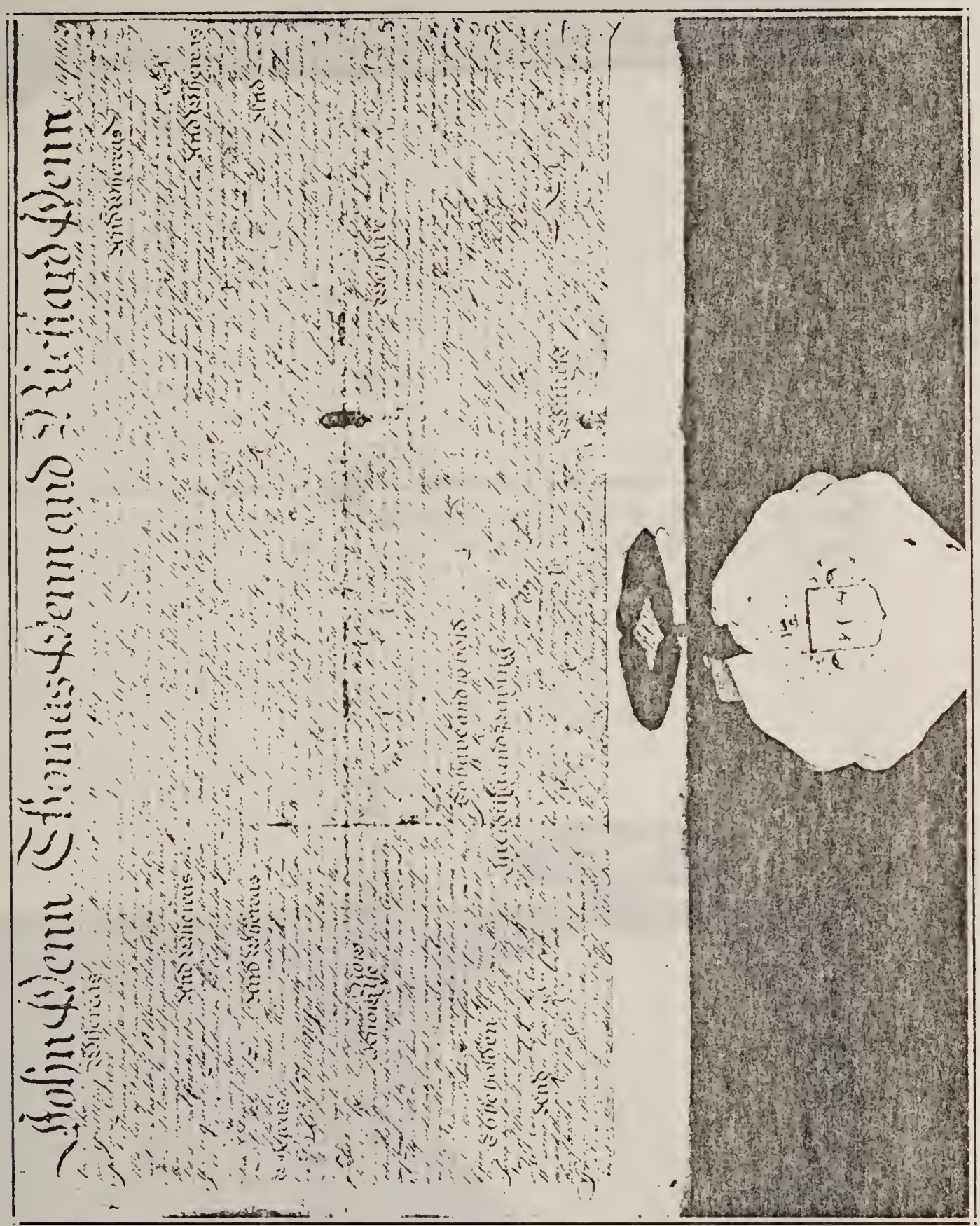
The above property extended from the eastern boundary of Wilson Vanfossen's farm to the Buck Road, and from the Skippack Road to the Morris Road.

We might mention that the Beasby tract contained 1000 acres and adjoined the Wentz tract on the south.

|See Edward Scull's Map of Original Surveys.|

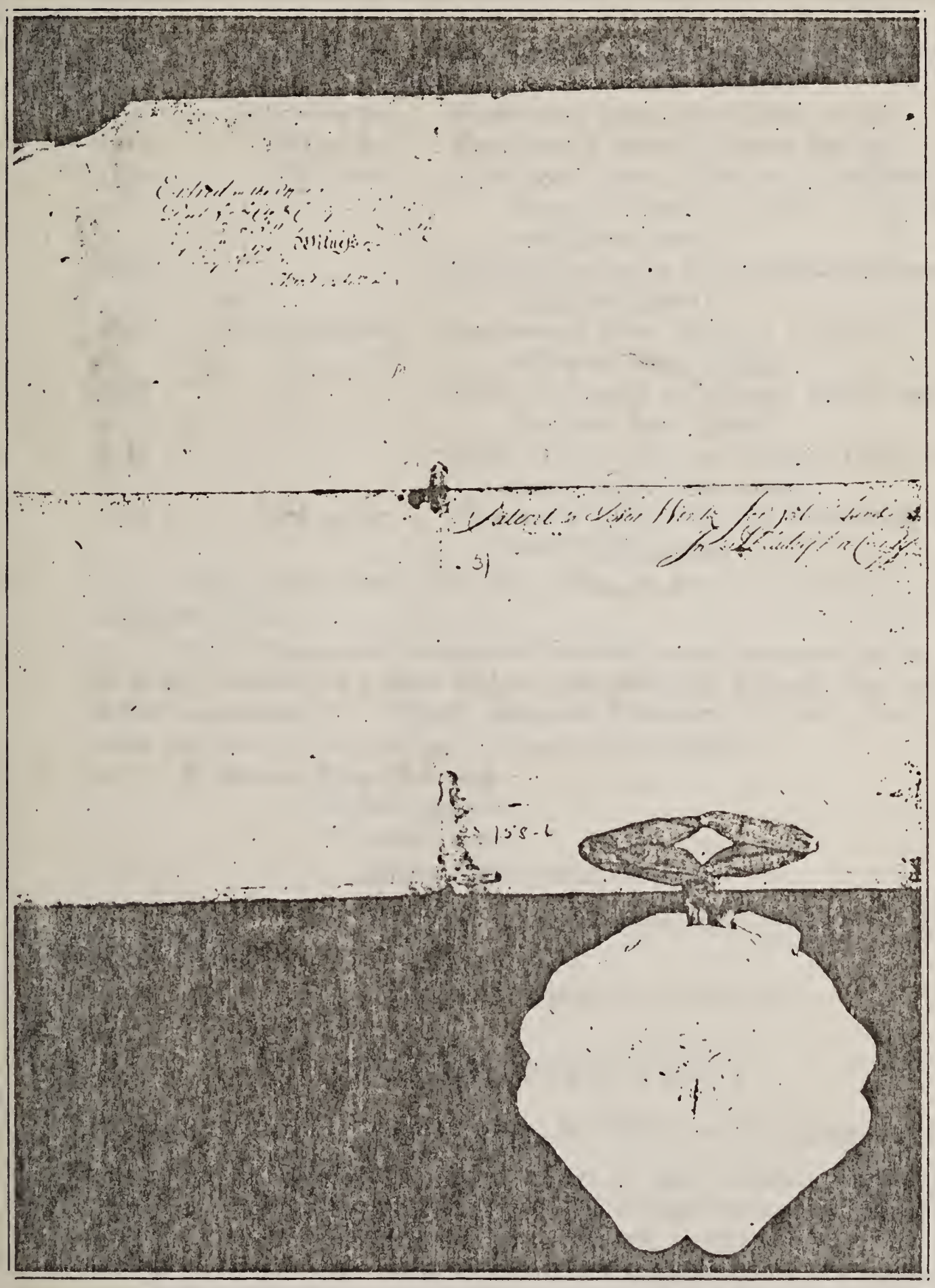
Resume of land owned by Peter Wentz, the Immigrant, and listed in the foregoing deeds:

1704	50 acres	Paid quit rent March 15, 1718 |14 years]
1708	100 acres	Paid quit rent March 15, 1718 |10 years|
1711	100 acres	Purchased from Thomas Fairman for £24
1714	104 acres	Purchased from Johannes Kolb



PENN GRANT TO PETER WENTZ
(About 1/5 Actual Size)

Dated November 10, 1743. Main text of deed and seal showing three round disc-like circles, representing the coat-of-arms of William Penn.



PENN GRANT TO PETER WENTZ [Reverse Side]

Notice faint photostatic reproduction of the seal showing the three tobacco leaves. This plus the coat-of-arms of William Penn, shown on other side, make the Great Seal of Pennsylvania.

1715	166 2/3 acres	2/3 of Wm. Willis' land purchased jointly with Laurence Swisher
1716	13 3/4 acres	Purchased from Hans Yeost Hyde
1728	1000 acres	Proprietary grant to Peter Wentz
1729	221 acres	Purchased from Clement Plumstead and Samuel Powell for £141 [1/3 of 656 acre Penn grant]
1736		Sold 514 acres to James Deeplank [part of 1000 acre grant]
1738	437 1/3 acres	Purchased from Richard Ashfield [2/3 of 656 acre Penn grant]
1739		Sold 110 acres to George Good [part of 656 acre Penn grant]
1742		Sold 167 3/4 acres to Simeon Haker [Fairman, Kolb, Hyde tracts]
1743	956 acres	Purchased from Clement Plumstead [1000 acre Penn grant]

Peter Wentz left over 2000 acres of land to his children and grandchildren.

Peter Wence and Lawrence Switcher were executors of the will of Mary Trump, of Upper Dublin, Philadelphia County, Pa., widow, dated September 11, 1725/6, probated February 1, 1727. She mentions children: John, Michael, Catharan, and Abram.

Witnesses: John Cunrads
William Spencer
Dennis Cunrads

[Philadelphia Wills E, p. 68.]

One Ursula Wentz, widow, died September 7, 1760, age 70 years.

[Germantown Lutheran Church]

WILL OF PETER WENTZ

Recorded at Philadelphia, in Will Book I, page 196

BE IT KNOWN unto all whom it may concern that I, Peter Wentz, of Worcester in the County of Philadelphia and Province of Pennsylvania, Yeoman, being far advanced in years and under some indisposition of body and, Therefore, considering the uncertainty of my Life, having my memory & Understanding sound and perfect, do make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament, this Seventh Day of June, in the year of our Lord one Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty-five, in the following manner and form [viz]:

IMPRIMIS: I will that all the debts which I shall owe at the Time of my decease Together with my Funeral Charges with other

Expenses in regard to the administration of my Estate be duly observed and paid by my Executors herein named.

SECONDLY: I Give, Devise, and bequeath unto my Eldest Son [now living], Jacob Wentz, All my Lands situate lying and being at Sawcany, in the County of Philadelphia, containing by Estimation Five hundred & Fifty Acres [part of one thousand acres of land with the usual allowance &c. which the Commissioners of Property for the Province of Pennsylvania granted unto me, the said Peter Wentz, by Patent of the Tenth day of the Second month Ao. Di. 1728 and Recorded in the Inrollments Office at Philada. in Patent Book A, Vol. 6, page 73 &c. To hold the said Devised Land Together with all and singular the Rights, Members, Priviledges, Hereditaments, Apputenances, and Improvements whatsoever thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining unto my said Son Jacob, his Heirs and assigns, from the Day of my Decease thence forward & forever.

THIRDLY: I Give, Devise, & bequeath unto my second Son, Peter Wentz, a certain Messuage, Tenement, Plantation, Tract, or Parcel of Land Situate lying and being in Worcester aforesd., beginning at a post set for a Corner Standing in the line of Beasby's Land, thence Extending North Forty-five Degrees and a half, East One hundred and Twenty-one perches to a corner, then North Forty-two Degrees and Twenty-eight minutes, West Thirty-nine perches to a corner, Thence North Forty-five Degrees and a half, East Two Hundred and Two perches and a half to a corner, Then South East Seventy-seven perches and a half to a Corner, Then South Forty-six Degrees and a half, West Sixty-two perches to a corner, Then South East One hundred and Four perches & a half to a corner, Then South Forty-six Degrees & a half, West Two hundred and Sixty-eight perches and a half to a corner in the said Beasby's Line, thence by the same North Forty-two degrees & Twenty-eight Minutes, West One hundred and Forty-three perches to the place of beginning, containing by Estimation Three hundred acres Eighty-five perches, Part of Nine hundred and Fifty-six acres of land which was granted unto the said Peter Wentz, the Father, by Clement Plumsted in pursuance whereof the same land was further confirmed to him by Patent of the Tenth day of November Ao. Di 1743 and Recorded at Philada. In Patent Book A, Vol. 12, page 66 &c., To Hold the said Three hundred acres and Eighty-five perches of land by the Metes and Bounds above described [Be The same more or less] together also with all and singular the Rights, Members, Priviledges, Hereditaments, Appurtenances, and Improvements whatsoever thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining unto my said Son, Peter Wentz, his Heirs and assigns from the Day of my Decease thence forward and forever.

FOURTHLY: I Give, Devise, and bequeath unto my third son, Philip Wentz, a certain Messuage, tenement, plantation, and two tracts or parcels of land situate in Worcester aforesaid, one whereof begin-

ning at a post set for a Corner Standing in the Line of Land late of Thomas Cox but now of the sd. Peter Wentz, the Testator, thence extending North West Fifty-six perches to a black oak mark'd for a Corner, Then South Fifty Degrees and a half, West Eighty-five prs. to a Corner, Then North Thirty-four Degrees, West One Hundred and Thirty-five perches to a Corner, thence South West Fifty-six prs. to a Corner Hickery mark't, thence South East Eighty-eight prs. to a Corner, thence South West by line of Peter Speyker Two Hundred perches to a Corner, thence South East One Hundred and Nine perches to a Corner, thence North East by the said Beasby's Land Three hundred and Twelve perches to the place of Beginning, Containing by estimation Two hundred and Twenty-one acres and Ninety-seven perches [part of Six hundred and Forty-four acres and Five perches of Land, one undivided third part thereof Clement Plumstead and Samuel Powell, junr., both of the City of Philada. [merchants] granted unto the said Peter Wentz, the above testator, in ffee by Indenture of the Twenty-eighth day of February Ao. Di. One thousand seven hundred and Twenty-nine, Recorded in Inrollment Office at Philada. in Book C, Vol. 2, page 39 &c. the other undivided Two thirds Richard Ashfield, of the City of New York, merchant, granted unto Peter Wentz, the sd. Testator, in ffee as by Indenture of the Third day of March Anno Dom. One thousand Seven hundred and Thirty-eight, Recorded in the sd. office at Philada. in Book E, Vol. 10, page 370 appears The other Tract or parcel of Land [hereby devised to the said Phillip Wentz] situate in Worcester aforesd. Beginning at a marked oak standing in the line of the last described Land, thence extending North Forty-five Degrees and a half, East Three Hundred and Nineteen perches & a half to a Corner, thence South East Thirty-nine perches & a half to a Corner, thence South Forty-six Degrees & a half, West Three Hundred and Nineteen perches and a half to a corner, Thence North Forty-Two Degrees and Twenty-eight minutes, West Thirty-nine perches and a half to the place of beginning, containing by estimation Seventy-eight acres and Eighty three perches, part of a Great Tract of land Estimated to contain Nine hundred Fifty-six acres, which was granted by Clement Plumstead ind. unto the said Peter Wentz, the Testator, whereof, in pursuance of which said Right, the said Land was further Confirmed unto him, the said Peter Wentz, his heirs and assigns in ffee, as By Patent of the Tenth day of November Ao. Di. One thousand Seven Hundred and Forty-three, recorded at Philada. in Patent Book A, Vol. 12, page 66 appears To hold the said two Tracts of Land by the metes and Bounds lying above described contiguis, containing in the whole three hundred acres and Sixty prs. [be the same more or less] together also with all and singular the Rights, Members, Privileges, Hereditaments, Appurtenances, and Improvements whatsoever thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining unto my son, Phillip Wentz, his heirs and assigns from the Day of my Decease thence forward & forever.

FIFTHLY: I Give Devise, and Bequeath unto my Fourth Son, Abraham Wentz, all ye messuage, tenement, plantation, Tract or Parcel or Land whereupon I now Dwell, situate lying and being in Worcester aforesd. beginning at a white oak markt for a Corner, being also a corner of Gwynedd Township, and extending in the line of Worcester, thence Extending South West Two hundred and Four perches to a Hickery markt for a Corner, thence North West Fifty-six perches to a Black oak markt for a corner, Then South Fifty Degrees and a half, West Eighty-five perches to a Corner, thence North Thirty-four Degrees, West One hundred & Thirty-five perches to a corner, thence North East Two hundred and Sixty perches to a Black oak markt. for a Corner, Then South East One hundred and Ninety-seven perches to the place of beginning, containing Three Hundred Twelve acres and Sixty-eight perches, be the same more or less |Part of that tract of Six hundred and Forty-four acres and Five perches of Land hereinbefore recited| To Hold the same Three hundred Twelve acres and Sixty-eight perches of land by the Metes and Bounds above described |be the same more or less| Together also with all and Singular the Buildings, Rights, Members, Priviledges, Hereditaments, Appurtenances & Improvements whatsoever thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining unto my Son, Abraham Wentz, his Heirs and assigns from the Day of my Decease thence forward and forever.

SIXTH: I also give, Devise, and bequeath unto my said son, Abraham Wentz, another certain Messuage, Tenement, Plantation, Tract, or Parcel of Land, Situate Lying and being in Worcester aforesaid, adjoining upon the South East side with the land and plantation which I now Dwell, had, and have above Devised to my said Son, Abraham, bounded on the South West End of a Division Line between the other Part late in the possession of Lorrentz Switzer but now of Peter Spyeker, bounded on the North West side with the Lands of John Lefebber and William Johnson, respectively, and on the North East End on the Division line Between the Townships of Towamensing and Worcester, Containing by Estimation One hundred and Sixty-six acres and Two Thirds of an acre, Part of Two hundred and Five acres of land which was granted to me & Lorrentz Switzer Joyntly by William Willis of Nashaw Island in ye Colony of New York, Yeoman, and Mary, his Wife, as by Indenture of the Eleventh day of August Ao Di One thousand seven hundred and fifteen appears, Which said Part or Dividend of One hundred & Sixty-six acres He, the said Lorrentz Switzer, with Catharine, his wife, released unto me, the said Peter Wentz the testator, as by Indenture of the First day of May Ao Di One thousand seven hundred and Nineteen Appears, To Hold the said One hundred and Sixty-six acres and two thirds of an Acre of Land by the bounds above described |be the same more or less|, and also with all and singular the buildings, Rights, Members, Priviledges, and Hereditaments, Appurtenances, and Improvements whatsoever there-

unto belonging or in any wise appertaining unto my Son, Abraham Wentz, from the Day of my Decease thence forward and forever, provided allways that my sd. Son, Abraham, his heirs Execrs. Admnrs shall do well & truly pay or cause to be paid the full and just sum of one hundred and Sixty-five pounds Lawfull Money of Pennsylvania in manner following [that is to say] I Give and Bequeath the sum of Fifty-five pounds, part thereof, to my Son, Jacob Wentz, payable by my said Son, Abraham, or his aforesaid within three years next from the Day of my Decease: I Give and Bequeath the sum of Fifty-five pounds, part as Aforesaid, unto my Son, Peter Wentz, payable by my Son, Abraham, or his aforesaid within Three Years next from the Day of my Decease: I Give & Bequeath the Sum of Fifty-five [the Residue of the sd. One hundred and Sixty-five pounds] unto my son, Philip Wentz, and payable by Son, Abraham, or his aforesaid within three years from the Day of my Decease.

Whereas there is a Certain tract or Parcel of Land lying and being in Worcester aforesaid, Beginning at a Corner, also a corner of Melchoir Kreeble's Land, thence extending South East One hundred and Forty-three perches to a Corner, being also a Corner of George Remwalls Land, thence Extending South Forty-six Degrees and a half, West One hundred perches to a Corner, thence North Forty-two degrees and Twenty-eight Minutes, West Twenty-three perches to a Corner, then South Forty-six Degrees and a half, West Thirty perches & a half to a corner, then North Forty-two Degrees and Twenty-eight minutes, West One hundred and four perches & a half to a corner, thence North Forty-five Degrees & a half, East One hundred and Thirty perches & a half to the Place of Beginning, Containing by Estimation Ninety-nine Acres and One hundred and Fifty perches [Part of that Great Tract of Nine hundred and Fifty-six Acres of land above recited] the use of one moyety or Equal half part thereof next adjacent to the Land of my son, Peter Wentz, and Melchoir Kreble, respectively, I give and bequeath unto my daughter, Catherine Haker, for and during the term of her natural life, and with respect to the said moyety afterwards, I do hereby Give and Devise the same unto my granddaughter Elizabeth Snyder, her Heirs and assigns, To hold the said Moyety or half part of the Last described Ninety-nine acres and one hundred and fifty-one perches with all and singular the Buildings, Edifices, Members, Priviledges, Hereditaments, Appurtenances, & Improvements whatsoever thereunto belonging or in any wise appeartaining unto my said grand-daughter, her Heirs and assigns, from the day of my sd. daughter, Catherine's, decease thence forward and forever. I also Give, Devise, and bequeath unto my granddaughter, Elizabeth Snyder, the other moyety or one Equal part, half of the said described Ninety-nine acres and One hundred and Fifty-one perches of land [that is to say] the half part thereof next adjacent to George Remwall's land, To Hold the said moyety or one Equal half part last mentioned To-

gether also with all and singular the Rights, Members, Priviledges, Hereditaments, Appurtenances & Improvemts whatsoever thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining unto my grand-daughter, Elizabeth, her Heirs and assigns, from the Day of my Decease thence forward and forever.

EIGHTHLY: Whereas there is another certain tract or parcel of land situate lying and being in Worcester aforesaid, beginning at an old black oak mark't for a Corner, being also a corner of Beasby's land, thence extending by the same North Forty-two Degrees & 28 minutes, West One hundred & Sixty-two perches to a Corner, thence North Forty-five Degrees and a half, East Two hundred and Ninety-nine perches to a corner, thence South East One hundred & Thirty-five perches to a corner, then South Forty-six Degrees and a half, West Fifty perches to a corner, then South East Thirty-six perches to a Corner, Then South Forty-six Degrees & a half., West Two hundred and Fifty-six perches to the place of Beginning, containing by Estimation Two hundred and ninety-nine acres and one hundred and Fifty-two perches |be the same more or less| |part of the above recited Nine hundred and Fifty-six acres of land|, which said two hundred and ninety-nine acres & one hundred and Fifty-two perches I give unto my three grand sons, viz., Peter Snyder, Adam Snyder, and Jacob Snyder, in Manner following |that is to say| I Give and Devise one Equal Third part thereof unto my grand son, Peter Snyder, Together with all the Rights, Members, Priviledges, Hereditaments, Appurtenances & Improvements whatsoever thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining, To Hold the same by my said grand son, Peter, his heirs and assigns, from the Day of my Decease thence forward and forever: I also Give and Devise one equal third thereof unto my grand son, Adam Snyder, Together also with all the Rights, Members, Priviledges, Hereditaments, Appurtenances, and Improvements whatsoever belonging or in any wise appertaining to hold the same by my said grand son Adam, his Heirs and assigns, from the day of my Decease thence forward and forever, and one equal Third part thereof I give and devise unto my grand son, Jacob Snyder, Together also with all and singular the Rights, Members, Priviledges, Hereditaments, Appurtenances, and Improvements whatsoever thereon belonging or in any wise appertaining, To Hold the same by my grand son, Jacob, his heirs and assigns, from the Day of my Decease thence forward & forever. I also Will and Direct that the above described Two hundred and Ninety-seven acres and One hundred and Fifty-two perches of land be divided in three Equal parts as above Devised by my three grand sons above named when the youngest of them |viz| Jacob Snyder, arrives or should have arrive to Twenty-one years of age in order that each & every one of them, their Heirs and assigns, may enjoy their said parts of dividends in severalty thence forward and forever. And if in case they cannot agree amongst themselves to divide and release the said

parts or dividends to each other as aforesaid, my Will is & I order the same to be observed & performed that each & every one of them shall choose for himself an honest, judicious man whose Judgments shall be Conclusive in and Concerning the premises to all intent and purpose whatsoever, and if it should so happen that Either of my said grand sons doth Dye before the division by him as aforesd., Leaving Lawfull Issues to survive, such Issue or Issues shall enjoy their parent or parents share or dividend in manner as above Directed.

NINTHLY: Whereas there is also a small Tract or Parcel of Land situate lying and being in Worcester afsd, beginning at a post set for a corner standing in the line of Beasby Land near Zackary's Run, thence extending North fforty-five Degrees and a half, East by land hereby devised to Phillip Wentz One hundred and Twenty-one perches to a corner, then South East by land devised to Peter Wentz, junr., Thirty-nine perches to a Corner, then South Forty-six Degrees and a half, West by the same land One hundred and Twenty-one perches to a Corner Stone in Beasby line, thence by the same Forty-two Degrees and Twenty-eight minutes, West Thirty-four perches to the place of beginning [part of the nine hundred and Fifty-six acres of land hereinbefore recited], I do hereby Will and Direct that the above Described Twenty-nine acres and Ninety-four perches be divided length ways [as soon as convenient after my decease] in two Equal parts Between my sons [viz] Peter and Philip: I give and devise unto my said son, Peter Wentz, one full moyety or half part thereof next adjoining to his Land, together with all the Rights, Members, Priviledges, Hereditaments, Appurtenances & Improvements whatsoever thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining to hold to him, my said Son, the said Peter Wentz, his Heirs and assigns from the Day of my Decease forward and forever. I Give and devise the other full moyety or one half part to my said Son, Philip Wentz, [that is to say, that part next adjoining to the Land hereinbefore Devised to the said Philip] together with all the Rights, Members, Priviledges, Hereditaments, Appurtenances, & Improvements whatsoever thereunto belonging, or in any wise appertaining, to Hold to him, the said Philip Wentz, his Heirs and assigns, from the Day of my decease thence forward and forever.

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TENTHLY: I Give and bequeath Ten pounds lawfull money of Pennsylvania to be paid by my Executors out of my Personal Estate within One Year next from the Day of my Decease for the use of the Poor of Worcester Township aforesaid and to be disposed of for the use abovesaid at the Discretion of my said Sons living for the Time being in the said Township with the assistance of four honest Discret men, inhabitants thereof.

ELEVENTHLY: I Order and direct that all the Residue or remaining Part of my personal estate [viz] all my Goods, Chattels, Rights,

and Credits within or without the province of Pennsylvania shall be divided in Four Equal parts within one Month next from the day of my Decease, one equal fourth part or dividend thereof I give and bequeath unto my Son, Jacob Wentz, to be Enjoyed by him from the Time of the said Division thence forward & forever, and one Equal fourth part or dividend thereof I give and bequeath unto my Son, Peter Wentz, to be Enjoyed by him from the Time of the said Division thence forward and forever, one Equal fourth part of dividend thereof I give and Bequeath unto my Son, Philip Wentz, to be Enjoyed by him from the Time of the said Division thence forward and forever, and one Equal fourth part of Dividend aforsd. I give and bequeath unto my Son, Abraham Wentz, to be Enjoyed by him from the Time of the said Division thence forward & forever.

TWELFTHLY: I do hereby Constitute, Depute, and Appoint my son, Jacob Wentz, and my son, Abram Wentz, to be my sole Executors of this my Last Will and Testament, to act joyntly or Severally as the case shall require by reason of death or other Disability. I also nominate & request my son, Peter Wentz, Together with my Loving and Trusty Friend, Henry Snyder, Trustees of this my Last Will and Testament Giving them hereby full power and ausolute authority to Order, Direct, Demand & Compel that the Same be duly observed, fulfilled, paid, and performed according to the making, Tenor & true Intent thereof, utterly revoking and Disannulling all other former Wills, Testaments, Legacies, and Executors by me in any wise before this Time named Willed, and Bequeathed, ratifying and Confirming this and no other to be my Last Will and Testament.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the Day and year herein first above mentioned.

His
Peter P W Wentz [SEAL]
Mark

Signed, sealed, Published, Pronounced & Declared by the sd Peter Wentz, the Testator, that the above written was read unto him distinctly and is his Last Will & Testament in the presence of us, the subscribers.

Julius Cassel
George Mercle
Robert Jones

Philada December 5, 1749, within personally appeared Julius Cassel & George Mercle, Two of the witnesses to the aforegoing Will, and on their solemn affirmation according to Law did declare and affirm they say and heard Peter Wentz, the testator therein named, sign, seal, publish, and declare the same Will for and as his Last Will and Testament, and that in the doing thereof he was of sound mind, memory, and understanding to the best of their knowledge, and that Robt Jones, the other witness thereto, did also subscribe his name as

a witness in the presence of & at the request of the testator together with them, the affirmants.

Coram Wm Plumsted Reg Genl

Be it Remembered that on the 5th day of December 1749 the Last Will and Testament of Peter Wentz, deced, was proved in due form of law and probate and Lres Testamentary were granted to the Execrs therein named, they being first solemnly affirmed well and truly to administer the said Decedts Estate and to bring an Inventory thereof unto the Regr. Genls Office at Philada at or before the 5th. day of January next and render a true acct when thereunto Lawfully required. Given under the seal of the said office.

Wm Plumsted Regr Genl

WENTZ CEMETERY
WORCESTER, PA.

The private cemetery of the Wentz family, in the northern part of Worcester, is the oldest place of burial in the township. It was located on the estate of Peter Wentz and was primarily a burial ground for the early Wentz family and their retainers. Peter Wentz, the Immigrant, his wife, his children, and grandchildren to the number of thirty-six are buried in this cemetery near Worcester [Center Point, Skippackville], Pa. The farm to which the cemetery belongs passed successively from Peter Wentz to his son, Abraham Wentz, Michael Croll, the Wancer [Warner?] family, John Fisher, and Harry Heilman, who owned and occupied it in 1926. The Wentz family held a lease on the farm, which gave them the privilege to visit and repair the plot whenever they desired.

The cemetery, a plot about fifty feet square, is situated in the midst of a cultivated field on a declivity sloping towards the meadowbrook which flows westward to the Zacharias Creek. Formerly it was surrounded by a stone wall; it was long in a neglected condition, is seldom visited, and is at some distance from any highway. Several years ago a member of the Wentz family living in Philadelphia had the tombstones reset and a cement wall built around the burial spot.

WENTZ FAMILY PRIVATE BURYING GROUND
Worcester, Pa.

It is not known at what time the first interment was made in this cemetery, nor can it be told exactly from any memorials contained in the yard itself. The first persons buried here were probably the children and the grandchildren of the first Peter Wentz who died in infancy before 1740. From the inscription on the tombstone of Mrs. Peter Wentz it is evident that there was a burial ground here as early as 1744. Burials were made here as late as the beginning of the nineteenth century. There now remain some sixteen monumental stones, of which only five or six are of marble. On a plain sandstone we have the initials "P. W. 1749" to the memory of the first Peter Wentz. Another stone of the same material bears the initials "E. L. W." and the date 1744 to the memory of Elizabeth, his wife. Mary, wife of Abraham Wentz, was the last personage deposited here. She died in 1803, aged 79.

1. ANNO 1749
P W D—NOE

[In the year 1749 Peter Wentz died in the month of November. See Dotterer, Perkiomen Region, Past and Present, Vol I, No. 2.]

2. 1744 E L W
D 18—ME

[In the year 1744 Elizabeth Wentz died on the 18th of May.]

3. In memory of Peter Wentz, who departed this life September 13, 1793. Aged 73 years, 9 months, and 24 days.

4. In memory of Rosanna Wentz, who departed this life the 22 day of May, 1794. Aged 76 years, 5 months, and [1]5 days.

[This Peter Wentz was the son of the first Peter Wentz, who died in 1749. The last two inscriptions are on stones of a grayish white marble, which are the most pretentious in the cemetery.] Next to these stones there is a red shale stone with this inscription:

5. Happy is HE WHO died in THE LORD. HE died 17[8]2.

[It is probable that this is Jacob Wentz and that his wife, Elizabeth, lies in one of two adjoining unmarked graves. Along side of them and in the same row in which Peter Wentz, Jr., is buried are the graves of Abraham Wentz, a brother of Peter, Jr., and Abraham's wife.]

6. Abraham Wentz departed this life July the 8th, 1774, aged 49 years, 6 months, and 5 days.

7. In memory of Mary Wentz, who departed this life Dec. 14, A. D. 1803. Aged 79 years, 1 month, 18 days.

8. Jacob Wentz
Aged 6 months.

9. Mary Wentz
Aged 8 years, 8 months, days.

10. Elisabeth, daughter of John and Susannah Wentz, died Feb. 13, 1779, aged 4 years, 4 months, and 13 days.

11. In memory of Margaret, the daughter of John and Susannah Wentz, was born Jan. 3, 1769, aged 10 months and 3 weeks.

12. Mary Wentz, died April 25, 1776. Aged 17 months, 2 weeks, and 3 days.

13. Feb. 23 Anno 1753 E W.

14. 1745 C. H.
DEN 17 AUG.

[This was probably Catharine [Wentz] Haker.]

15. Johannes Zumbro

16. Marie Eva Zumbro

[Numbers 14, 15, and 16 are the only tombstones that bear a name other than Wentz.]

There is another Wentz cemetery at Whitemarsh, Whitemarsh Township, Montgomery County, Pa.

[Rev. D. D. Brendle, Pastor of Wentz Church; Edward Mathews in Montgomery Transcript; others]

III
SECOND GENERATION

Children of PETER WENTZ, the IMMIGRANT

JACOB WENTZ,[2] son of Peter and Elizabeth Wentz,[1] was born about 1715, in Worcester Township, Philadelphia County, Pa., and died October, 1782, intestate. He and his wife are probably buried in unnamed graves in the Wentz Cemetery at Worcester, Pa. He married, about 1738, Elizabeth Boyer, daughter of Paul and Christiana Boyer, of Whitemarsh, Pa.

The will of Paul Boyer, dated February 23, 1765, probated March 15, 1765, mentions wife, Christiana; children, Margaret, Elizabeth, and Daniel; and brother, Martin Boyer.

Executors: Jacob Wentz, of Worcester, and William Anderson
Witnesses: Samuel Morris, Alex. Anderson, and Margaret Jones

Children of Jacob and Elizabeth [Boyer] Wentz:

JACOB WENTZ, b. ca. 1740. d. 1783. m. Barbara [Wentz] Alsentz.

CATHERINE WENTZ, b. June 17, 1745. d. December 24, 1825 m. Michael Croll.

February 17, 1749, Jacob Wentz, of Worcester, bought two farms containing 133 acres.

September 24, 1750, Jacob Wentz, of Worcester, blacksmith, [also] storekeeper, bought of [his brother] Abraham Wentz, of same, blacksmith, and Mary, his wife, 166 2 3 acres, land inherited by said Abraham from his father, Peter Wentz.

Deed, February 26, 1753. Jacob Wentz, of Worcester, tavern keeper, and Elizabeth, his wife, to Jacob Levan, of Maxatonia, Berks County, gentleman, in consideration of £980, a messuage and plantation situate on a branch of the Schuylkill called Sawcony, now in the township of Maxatonia, Berks County, adjoining a corner of Penn's Manor, Michael Croul, Daniel Levan, Sebastian Zimmerman, and George Cootz's land, containing 305 acres, part of 1000 acres granted by Patent, February 10, 1723, to Peter Wentz in fee, [Patent Book A. Vol. VI, p. 73, which book is now at Harrisburg] and being thereof seized, the said Peter Wentz made his will dated June 7, 1745, wherein he devised to his eldest son [now living], Jacob Wentz, 550 acres of

said 1000 acres of which the above described tract is a part.

[Signed] Jacob Wentz
Elizabetha Wentzin [in German]

Witnesses: Johannes Sneider
Johannes Hengrudrow
Robert Jones

[Philadelphia Wills H 7, p. 157]

Deed, July 16, 1755. Jacob Wentz, of Worcester, tavern keeper, and Elizabeth, his wife, to Jacob Rutty, of Maxatawny, in consideration of £420, a messuage and tract of land, situate on the Sawcony, containing 130 acres, part of 1000 acres granted to Peter Wentz, who bequeathed a part thereof to Jacob Wentz, his son.

[Philadelphia Deeds H 9, p. 8]

Deed, December 20, 1762. Jacob Wentz, of Worcester shopkeeper, and Elizabeth, his wife, and Abraham Wentz, of Whitpain, shopkeeper, and Mary, his wife, to Thomas Bean, of Worcester Township, several tracts totaling 51 acres 100 perches.

Whereas Cornelius Tyson, of Worcester, miller, and Barbara, his wife, by deed of February 16, 1749, conveyed a messuage, grist mill, and plantation in Worcester adjoining land late of Abraham Lefeber, James Bean, and Robert Jones, containing 50 acres; and whereas Jacob Wentz and Elizabeth, his wife, by deed of February 22, 1749, granted one undivided half part in the aforesaid 50 acres unto Abraham Wentz, and whereas Lawrence Pierson of Noxintown Township, Bucks County, Pa., and Elizabeth his wife, the said Elizabeth having been the widow and Administratrix of Michael Good, late of Worcester, deceased, Philip Pierson of Noxinton and Elizabeth his wife, Michael Good of Noxinton, weaver, and Margaret Good of same, spinster, children of Michael Good, by their deed of November 2, 1758, granted to Jacob and Abraham Wentz a tract whereon is a mill dam, situate in Worcester containing one acre and 100 perches and in consideration make conveyance as above.

[Philadelphia Deeds H 17, p. 378]

December 3, 1764, Jacob Wentz, of Worcester Township, Philadelphia County, bought 3 acres in Gwynedd Township, and June 3, 1776, he bought 50¼ acres in same township, both of which tracts he sold September 30, 1778, to Owen Ferris.

October 16, 1765, Jacob Wentz, of Worcester, innholder, and Elizabeth his wife sold three tracts containing a total of 190 acres to Abraham Foust, consideration £1290. [Norristown Deeds 4, p. 93.]

March 4, 1769, Jacob Wentz of Worcester, innkeeper, loaned a sum on Mortgage to Peter DeHaven.

Jacob Wentz was one of the managers of the Lottery to build a bridge on Maxatawny Road over Skippack Creek.

Jacob Wentz was very active in the founding and early history of the church which bears his name. He was an elder. [See Wentz's Reformed Church.]

Jacob Wentz, Senior, died intestate October, 1782, and on petition to the Orphans Court of Philadelphia, the Sheriff was ordered to make an Inquest to establish the valuation of his lands. March 14, 1785, "Return of Sheriff valuation of lands of Jacob Wentz, Sr., late of Worcester Township," awarded the property to be divided into three parts.

The messuage and Plantation A No. I, in Worcester, containing 228 acres, unto Michael Croll, Esquire, and Catherine, his wife, in right of said Catherine, subject to payment of £16 13s. 4d. gold by said Michael and Catherine to the widow, Elizabeth Wentz; and the other two of the said three equal parts unto the said Elizabeth, and Sophia, Catherine, and Rebecca, the legal representatives of Jacob Wentz, Jr., deceased, who was the only son of Jacob Wentz, Senior messuages, land, etc., marked B No. H, in the annexed plan, subject to payment of £33 5s. 8d. to the said Elizabeth Wentz, widow of Jacob Wentz, Senior.

[Orphans Court Docket 13, p. 31-34]

Letters of Administration on Estate of Jacob Wentz, Sr., were granted October 30, 1782, to Jacob Wentz, Jr., and Michael Croll.

[Philadelphia Administration Book I, p. 54
Original Papers, 118]

Will of Elizabeth Wentz, widow of Jacob Wentz, Sr., of Worcester Township, Montgomery County, Pa., dated December 8, 1784, probated November 23, 1789....far advanced in years.

To my eldest grandson, Jacob, son of my daughter Catharina, my watch, in preference to other children of Catharina as he bears his grandfather's name. All the rest of estate to grandchildren, children of daughter Catharina in equal shares as they come of age.

Executor: Son-in-law Michael Croll
Witnesses: John Barkey, Jr.,
John Barkey, Sr.

[Norristown Wills, I, p. 202]

PETER WENTZ,[2] son of Peter and Elizabeth Wentz,[1] was born November 19, 1719, and died September 13, 1793, intestate. He married, circa 1740, Rosina [or Rosanna] Margaretha_____, who was born December 7, 1717, and died May 22, 1794. Buried May 23, 1794. [St. John's Lutheran Church record, Whitpains]. Both are buried in the private cemetery of the Wentz family in the northern

part of Worcester Township, Montgomery County, Pa. [Tombstone inscriptions, Wentz cemetery, Worcester, Pa.]

Children of Peter and Rosina Margaretha Wentz, all of whom but Rosanna and Catherine were baptized November 5, 1752, at the Reformed Church of Falkner's Swamp, Pottstown, and their births are there recorded:

JOHN WENTZ, b. July 20, 1743. d. April 18, 1804. m. Susanna Dickensheed.

BARBARA WENTZ, b. February 24, 1745. d. before 1825. m 1st, Francis Hainich, m. 2d, Joseph Tyson.

JOHN PETER WENTZ, b. December 22, 1747. d. ca. 1839. m Mary Jenkins.

MATTHIAS WENTZ, b. May 19, 1749. d. August 16, 1823. m Lydia DeHaven.

SOPHIA WENTZ, b. September 25, 1751. d. 1818. m. 1st, Abraham Wentz; m. 2nd, Mordecai Jones.

CATHERINE WENTZ, m. George Pluck.

ROSANNA WENTZ, b. April 1, 1775. m. John Fitzgerald.

Falkner's Swamp Lutheran Church, between Pottstown and Ephrata, Pa., founded as early as 1700 by Rev. Daniel Falkner, is said to be the oldest Lutheran congregation now in existence in America.

[Edward F. Rines, Old Historic Churches of America, p. 200]

Peter Wentz was one of the founders of Wentz's Reformed Chuch at Worcester, Montgomery County, Pa.

Peter Wentz is listed in the first United States Census of 1790, Heads of Families, Pennsylvania, Montgomery County, page 165. Many other Wentzes are listed in this census.

Deed, August 1, 1771. Peter Wentz of Worcester Township and Rosina his wife to Nicholas Hoffman of same. Recites: Whereas, the Proprietary by Patent of November 10, 1743, granted to Peter Wentz, father of Peter, party hereto, a tract in Worcester Township containing 956 acres, who by his will of June 7, 1745, bequeathed to his son Peter 300 acres thereof, and in consideration of £342 10s. convey 68 acres of said tract.

[Signed] Peter Wentz
Rosanna [X her mark] Wentz

Witnesses: Christopher Dickensheed
Charles Jolly

[Philadelphia Deeds I, 12, p. 533.]

Deed, November 14, 1774. Peter Wentz of Worcester Township and Rosanna his wife to John Wentz, son of the said Peter, of Whitpains, Philadelphia County, in consideration of £400, two tracts in Worcester Township. One tract beginning at a stone near Zachary's Run in line of Beasley's land by various courses to a stone by the side of a lane leading to Peter Wentz's dwelling house and along the great road to Philadelphia, and from thence to a stone at the side of a lane running by the side of Philip Wentz"s land, containing 26 acres and 154 perches. The other tract northeast of the first tract, beginning at a stone in line of Philip Wentz's land, and adjoining Melchior Kreeble's land in line of Jacob Weaver's and Nicholas Hoffman's land, containing 29 acres and 58 perches with a mill, dam, race, dwelling house, etc

[Signed] Peter Wentz
Rosanna [X her mark] Wentz

Witnesses at signing: William Lawrence
John Bull

[Philadelphia Deeds I, 13, p. 255.]

Deed, September 29, 1784. Peter Wentz, late of Worcester Township and Rosannah his wife to Devault Bieber of Worcester, their home. Refers to deed of Clement Plumstead to Peter Wentz, Sr., of 945 acres. [Norristown Deeds 7, No. 2, p. 669..]

Peter Wentz owned much property in various places, and doubtless was a wealthy man for those times.

"THE OLD WASHINGTON HEADQUARTERS" in Worcester, Pa.

One of the most interesting relics of the Revolutionary period in Montgomery County is the old stone house in Worcester, where General Washington and his staff were the guests of Peter Wentz in October, 1777, when the American army was encamped in this vicinity. [Pennsylvania Magazine, Vol. XIV, p. 271-273 and p. 440, and Vol. XII, p. 203.] The house is of two stories, with a rear wing, and situate close to the north side of the road. In outward appearance it represents the better class of farm houses, a few of which are yet preserved from Colonial times. Its builder was a man of enterprise and of wealth exceeding that of most of his neighbors.

Peter Wentz's home was on the present road from Worcester to Lansdale, near Wentz's Reformed Church, which is situated on Skippack Road nearly a mile above Center Point [now Worcester], Pa. [Theodore D. Bean, Esq., History of Montgomery County, p. 1185.]

HOME OF PETER WENTZ, 2nd
Built 1758, Worcester, Pa.

In 1745 Peter Wentz, Sr., made a will bequeathing, among other things, a messuage and tract of 300 acres to Peter Wentz, Jr. It was on this plantation that the stone house under consideration was built in 1758. The white marble date stone, measuring possibly ten by thirteen inches and bearing the initials of Peter Wentz and of his good wife Rosannah with the date 1758, is yet plainly visible high on the south wall of the main structure under the gable.

W
P & R
1758

Besides these initials the builder piously caused this inscription in German to be rudely carved upon a rough-hewn slab of red sandstone, possibly two by two and a half feet in size, or larger, and set high on the south exterior wall of the ell:

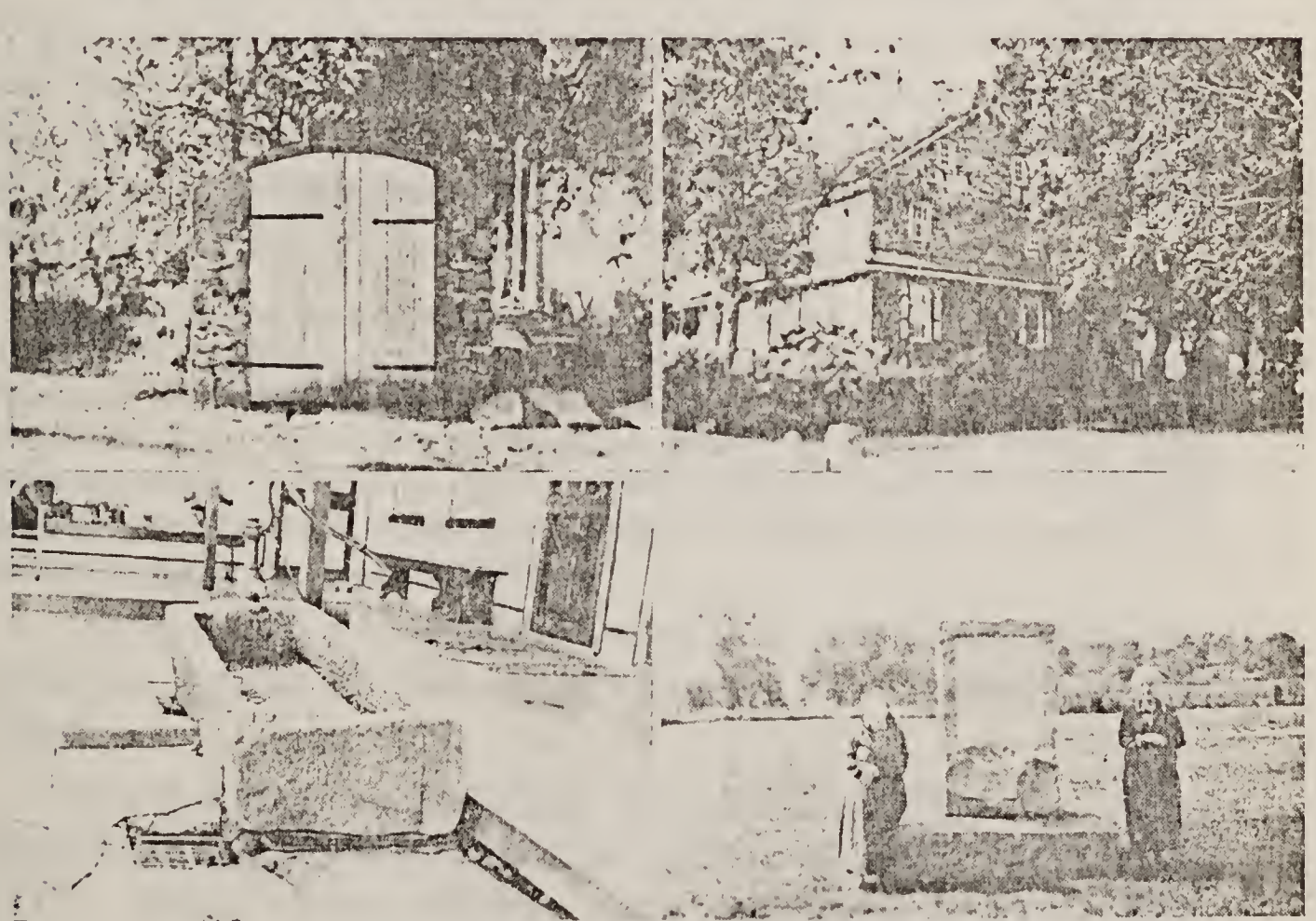
"PW RW Iesu Kom in Mein Haus
Weighe Nimmer Mer Her Aus
Kom Mit Deiner Gnaden Gut
Und Stele Meinne sel Zu Fried 1758"

which may be freely translated:

Jesus come into my house
And never depart;

Come with Thy good grace
And set my soul at peace.

The house is built of well dressed blocks of red sandstone still in splendid condition, larger and smoother than those in the house of his father, Peter Wentz, 1st. An inspection of the interior of the house, the deep-set windows still perfectly true, the style of the wainscoting, the paneling of the doors, and the general finish, all indicate that this house was not only one of the most substantial, but also one of the most stylish in the township at that time. The iron knocker on the front door, a two-tier door with rat tail hinges and great hand-wrought lock and key, and old iron holders for shutters are still in use after nearly two centuries. The small antique panes have been replaced by those of modern construction. A portion of beautifully wrought iron fence remains, its date not known.



HOME OF PETER WENTZ, 2nd
WORCESTER, PA.

Upper left, Old Bake Oven; upper right, Home Showing Date Stone in Gable; lower left, Old Stone Trough; lower right, Monument to the Unknown Dead, Wentz's Church.

The front portico and steps consist of huge stones about seven feet square and nearly a foot thick. These and a curious stone trough of the same peculiar material were probably brought from Germany by the Wentzes, as the stone is unlike any found anywhere around. The trough is of one piece, hewn out of solid rock with immense labor, it may be by one of the Wentzes. Its original use is not known. At one time it was used as a milk trough in the cellar, today it stands by the pump and serves as a water trough. It never needed repairing and promises to be as serviceable a century hence as it is today.

Near the house is the old stone bake oven higher than a man's head. The stone barn, also close to the highway, is to the northeast. The old mill, still standing, was built on the foundations of the first house of Peter Wentz, 2d.

The farm finally passed out of the hands of Peter Wentz in 1784, when he sold it for £1000 to Devault Bieber, who sold it to Melchior Schultz in 1794, since which time the buildings and farm lands attached have been the property of succeeding generations of the Schultz family. [Edward Matthews in Montgomery Transcript]

Deeds in the hands of Isaac Schultz, owner [1933] of the home built by Peter Wentz, 2nd, show the following transfers: 1743, Clement Plumsted to Peter Wentz I; 1754, Philip and Abigail Wentz to Peter Wentz II; 1784, Peter II and Rosanna Wentz to Devault Bieber; 1794, Devault Bieber to Melchior Schultz; 1828, Melchior Schultz to Frederick Schultz; May 20, 1867, Frederick Schultz to Joseph Schultz; April, 1911, Joseph Schultz to Isaac K. Schultz.

John Farris's book, Old Roads Out of Philadelphia, has quite an article on the Wentz home and a picture of the house.

Washington established his headquarters at Peter Wentz's home October 16 and remained until October 21, 1777. Some of the officers were quartered in Hans Supplee's house, while Washington and his staff were the guests of Peter Wentz on Skippack Creek.

[Pennsylvania Magazine, Vol. 14, p. 271-273, 440; Vol. 12, p. 203.]

It appears that though Washington took possession, the owner, Peter Wentz, did not vacate the premises but remained, giving the General a portion of the house for his special use. Washington occupied two chambers in the west corner of the house. The one on the first floor is where he took his meals and he slept in a large square room of the second story. A door, not now in existence, then connected the dining room downstairs with a small kitchen, where his meals were prepared by his own cook. This kitchen was kept securely locked by the faithful cook, lest some Tory might obtain entrance and throw poison into the materials of the cookery.

Among the provisions of the last will, 1826, of Rev. Melchior Schultz, who purchased the Wentz home, was one that his widow, Salome, should have for her use, during the remainder of her life, the kitchen and stove room adjoining the north end of his house, as well as the room in the second story called Washington's room.

Tradition relates that during Washington's stay here one of the neighbors, Philip Stong, male bold to call on the Commander-in-Chief, bringing along his wife, Barbara. [Barbara Wentz, niece of Peter II, married Philip Stong.] Washington was so well pleased with his visitors that he invited them to supper, which they took socially together in the cozy west dining room. In after years old Barbara Strong, who lived at or near the present mill on Skippack Road, used to delight to relate her reminiscences of Washington and this interesting episode of her youthful days.

Among the traditions handed down is that when the cheering news of victory at Saratoga was received, the soldiers in their joy fired a salute in such close proximity to the house where General Washington was quartered that the greater portion of the glass in the windows was shattered.

During Washington's stay in the old stone house of Peter Wentz a portion, at least, of the American soldiers were encamped in the woodland northeast of the dwelling. This then covered much land now cleared, including the later Jesse Yerger farm, then belonging to the Wentz prop-

erty. In the rear of where stands the barn on this farm, two soldiers are buried. Many musket and cannon balls, some rusty camp spades, and other relics testifying to the presence of a Revolutionary army have from time to time been found in this vicinity.

[Much of the foregoing account was taken from Edward Matthews' "The Old Washington Headquarters in Worcester," The Montgomery Transcript of Skippack, Pa., No. 18, October 13, 1911.]

In this connection, the following is quoted, in part, from a series of news articles widely published in the Montgomery County papers in 1927, by Edward W. Hocker, entitled, "On the Trail of Washington's Army 150 Years After—No. 13, The Camp in Worcester":

"Washington's financial accounts show payments to Peter Wentz on two different days.

On October 4, £2, 10 shillings was paid "for butter and vegetables." This was the day of the battle of Germantown. Washington had left the house the night before, with the army, in the advance upon Germantown. Presumably on the retreat he stopped at the Wentz house long enough to pay the bill and gather up his belongings before proceeding on to the Perkiomen region.

"On October 19, there was a payment of £7 13 shillings, 5 pence to Peter Wentz for food and £1, 2 shillings, 6 pence "extra for trouble."

"No payment is noted for "use of the house," as was customary at other houses which the commander occupied. It may be inferred from this that Peter Wentz was patriotic enough to give the use of his house without charge.

"The first order issued in the new camp at Worcester directed the regiments to continue making cartridges every day and turn them in to the commissary of military stores."

There is much mention of Peter Wentz and his house [used by General Washington] and of Captain Abraham Wentz and other Wentzes in Brecht's Genealogical Record of the Schwenkfelder Families, 1923. See Index. A copy of this book is in possession of the Lutheran Historical Society, January 15, 1930.

In a letter written by Washington to Congress in reference to the battle of Saratoga, he speaks of encamping in

the same spot before the battle of Germantown, but how long his stay there at that time is unknown.

"Thursday October 16.

At Headquarters, Wentz's....We moved this morn from the encampment at which we had been for six or seven days past, and are just arrived at the grounds we occupied before the action of the fourth."

[Baker's Itinerary of General Washington, 1892, p. 98; Pennsylvania Magazine, Vol. 14, p. 271; Bean's History of Montgomery County, 1884, p. 1184].

The following letter, written by General Washington while still maintaining his Headquarters at the home of Peter Wentz, appears in the official publication of "Writings of Washington, Volume 9, page 391, Aug. 1777-Nov. 1777." [Congressional Library, Washington, D. C.]

"To Brigadier General James Potter

Head Quarters, PETER WENTZ'S
18th October, 1777.

Dear Sir:

I congratulate you upon the glorious Success of our Arms in the North, an account of which is enclosed. This singular favor of Providence is to be received with thankfulness and the happy moment which Heaven has pointed out for the firm establishment of American Liberty ought to be embraced with becoming spirit; it is incumbent upon every man of influence in his Country to prevail upon the militia to take the field with that energy which the present crisis evidently demands. I have no doubt of yourself in this way. In the post which you now occupy you may render the most important services of cutting off the enemies convoys and communications with their Fleet, for this purpose you shall strain every nerve; there is another thing which I would suggest and I leave you to judge of the practicability of it. I think that you might harass the parties of the enemy on Providence Island in such a manner as to produce a great Diversion in favor of Fort Mifflin. Let me again entreat you and through your means every one of any influence among the Militia, to exert it to the utmost in exciting them to the field where by seasonable Reinforcements the glorious work we have in hand will be completed.

I am
Your most h'ble Servt
Go Washington."

History tells us that the American army was encamped in this vicinity both before and after the battle of Germantown, which was fought October 4, 1777.

"Germantown [Pa.], Battle of.—After the American defeat at Brandywine Creek and the British occupation of Philadelphia, Washington determined to attack the main body of Howe's army, which was quartered in Germantown, a suburb of Philadelphia. The American army was encamped at Skippack Creek twenty miles from Philadelphia, and consisted of about 10,000....The battle opened at 7 a. m. on the fourth [of October, 1777]....After three hours of severe fighting the Americans were obliged to retreat....Washington retired to his former camp and General Howe returned to Philadelphia."

[Messages and Papers of the Presidents, Vol. XIX. See Germantown].

"After the battle of Germantown, the British troops are said to have pursued the soldiers as far north as the interior of Worcester Township, committing depredations of the property of the Wentz family which were so serious that Peter Wentz afterwards received £125 from the State as compensation."

[Genealogical Record of the Schwenkfelder Family, p. 943 See also Bean, History of Montgomery County, p. 180]

It was from the encampment at Wentz's church that Washington's army attacked the British at Germantown. After the battle they retreated to the same location; Washington maintained his headquarters at Peter Wentz's from October 16 to 21, then led his army into Whitemarsh Township, where he established Camp Hill.

A letter from General Putnam announcing the capitulation of General Burgoyne is dated at Kingston, N. Y., 15th of October, 1777, 10 o'clock Wednesday evening. It reached headquarters—Peter Wentz's—on the morning of October 18....a distance of some 200 miles—by horse express, or relays....eleven hours a day.

[Pennsylvania Magazine, Vol. 14, p. 272]

Peter Wentz assisted in establishing American Independence while acting in the capacity of host to General Washington and his staff, October, 1777. Upon this record his descendants have joined the D.A.R. He may have been a soldier also.

The Wentzes were loyal to the cause of American inde-

pendence, as the service records in the Pennsylvania Archives will testify.

The following may or may not have been this Peter Wentz:

Peter Wentz—4th Class Private. [Sixth Series, Vol. 1, p. 893] Associators and Militia, 3d Company, Worcester, Township.

Peter Wentz—4th Class Private. [Fifth Series, Vol. 7, p. 132] Muster roll of the 4th class of the 2d Battalion, Lancaster Co., Militia, on a tour of duty at Lancaster guarding British prisoners of war.

Peter Wentz—2d Class Private. [Fifth Series, Vol. 7, p. 158] Capt. John Stone's Co., 6th Co., 2d Battalion, Lancaster Militia.

Peter Wentz sold his home in Worcester in 1784 and moved to Whitpain. He died intestate September 13, 1793, at Whitpain, and letters of administration on his estate were granted by the Registrar of Wills of Montgomery County to two of his sons-in-law, Joseph Tyson and Mordecai Jones.

[Letters of Administration, Montgomery Co., Pa.
File No. 17,682]

October 16, 1793. An Inventory of the goods and chattels, rights and credits, which "were of Peter Wentz, deceased, late of Whitpain Township" was filed October 16, and the same day the Administration Bond was filed, in the sum of £400. Appraisers: Daniel Yost and Samuel Wood.

DEED

John Wentz and Susanna his wife Matthias Wentz and Lydia his wife Joseph Tyson and Barbara his wife George Pluck and Catharine his wife John Fitzgerald and Rosannah his wife	Grantors to Mordecai Jones

This Indenture made the 18th day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, between John Wentz of the Township of West Fallowfield, in the County of Chester and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Yeoman, and Susanna his wife, Matthias Wentz, Yeoman, and Lydia his wife of Whitpain Township Joseph Tyson, Esquire, and Barbara his wife of Worcester Township, George Pluck, Yeoman, and Catharine his wife of Whitemarsh Township, and John Fitzgerald, Yeoman, and Rosannah his wife, of Providence Township, all of the County of Montgomery in the Commonwealth aforesaid of the one part, and Mordecai Jones of the Township of Whitpain in the County of Montgomery aforesaid of the other part.

WHEREAS Peter Wentz, Father of the above mentioned parties, died Intestate seized at his decease in his Demesne as of fee of and in

four separate Tracts or pieces of land hereinafter described situated in Whitpain Township aforesaid, leaving at his decease Rosanna his wife, Relict and Widow, and two sons and four Daughters; to wit, John and Matthias, Barbara, married to Joseph Tyson, Sophia, married to Mordecai Jones [party hereto], Catharine, married to George Pluck, and Rosannah, married to John Fitzgerald, who, being all of lawful age at the time of their said Father's decease, mutually agreed to estimate the said four separate and hereafter described tracts or pieces of land with their and every of the appurtenances wherof their said Father died seized of, to the sum of seven hundred pounds specie as the same at present passeth Current in Pennsylvania, and estimated and valued the annual Dower arising out of said plantation or four tracts of land payable to the said Rosannah annually during her natural Life time to the sum of eighteen pounds like money aforesaid, in Consideration of which she, the said Rosanna, Relict and Widow, by an Instrument of Writing bearing even date herewith hath Remised, Released, and forever quit claim all her right Claim or title of Dower to the said plantation or four tracts of land or any part thereof to the said Mordecai Jones, his heirs and Assigns forever as in and by the said Release or Dower will more fully and at large appear.

AND WHEREAS the said Joint heirs of the said deceased who, having so valued the said Estate, mutually agreed that the said Mordecai Jones should hold and enjoy the same to himself, his heirs, and assigns forever, he paying to the other heirs their Respective shares or dividends out of the same, each being six seventh parts of the aforesaid Valuation money [the eldest son being entitled to a double share], was agreed to and accepted of by the said Mordecai Jones.

NOW THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH that the said John Wentz and Susanna, his wife, Matthias Wentz and Lydia, his wife, Joseph Tyson and Barbara, his wife, George Pluck and Catharine, his wife, and John Fitzgerald and Rosannah, his wife, for and in consideration of the sum of six hundred pounds specie as the same at present passeth Current in Pennsylvania to them in hand well and truly paid by the said Mordecai Jones [agreeably to them and each of their respective shares of Dividends as abovesaid] at and immediately before the sealing and delivery hereof the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged and then and thereafter do acquit and forever discharge the said Mordecai Jones, his heirs and assigns, by these presents, have granted, bargained, sold, released and confirmed and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell, release, and confirm unto the said Mordecai Jones and to his heirs and Assigns, their and each of their share sixth undivided seventh part [the whole into seven with parts to be divided] of the above mentioned plantation of four tracts of land situate in Whitpain Township aforesaid:

WHEREAS the said Peter Wentz died of in his demesne as of fee—the first tract thereof with the buildings thereon erected Situate in the Township aforesaid—Beginning at a heap of stones the corner

of this and the German Presbyterian Congregation's woodland.... Containing 40 A. of land....It being the same 40 A....which Peter Shearer and Ludwich Shearer, Admrs....of John Shearer....by Orphans Court conveyed to said Peter Wentz, deceased....Indenture dated the 26th day of December, 1785....[to be recorded]. The other or second tract....in Whitpain....adjoining last described....containing 2½ A.....being same 2½A.....which Shearer Admrs.....Indenture dated July 2d, 1790....conveyed to said Peter Wentz, deceased.... [to be recorded]. The other or third tract....Whitpain....Beginning at a stone in the middle of Skippack Great Road....containing 14 A. 20 perches....same....which Executors of George Kasteers. Indenture dated April 13, 1791....did convey to said Peter Wentz, deceased. [to be recorded]. And the other or fourth part of land....situate Whitpain containing 10 A.....being same 10 A. which Executors of William West....Indenture bearing date June 22, 1786....confirmed to said Peter Wentz, deceased, as in and by said in part recited Indenture recorded in office for recording Deeds &c. Montgomery County Deed Book No. 3, page 239.

[Montgomery County, Pa., Deed Book No. 10, page 367.
Dated March 18, 1794. Recorded May 10, 1797]

PHILIP WENTZ,[2] son of Peter and Elizabeth Wentz,[1] was born October 1, 1722, in Worcester Township, Philadelphia County, Pa., and died December 30, 1803, same. He married Appelonia Hartman, daughter of Ulrick and Eve Hartman, of Skippack. She was born September 27, 1729, and died May 27, 1807. Philip and Appelonia are buried in the cemetery at Wentz's Reformed Church, Worcester, Montgomery County, Pa. Their graves are marked with marble tombstones. He may have married, 1st Abigail ——.

The will of Ulrick Hartman, of Philadelphia County, Pa., dated November 11, 1761, probated June 19, 1763, mentions wife, Eve, and children: Appelonia, wife of Philip Wentz, and Mary, wife of Henry Conrad.

Executors: Philip Wentz and Malechior Waggoner.
Witnesses: Christian Mathews and Jacob Wentz.
[Philadelphia Will Book M, p. 541]

Philip Wentz helped to found Wentz's Reformed Church at Worcester, Pa., of which he was a trustee and prominent member.

Deed, January 18, 1754. Philip Wentz, of Worcester, yeoman, and Abigail, his wife, to Peter Wentz, of same. Whereas, Peter Wentz, father of the said Peter, party hereto, made his will June 7, 1745, and devised to his said son, Peter, one-half part in 29 acres, and said Philip

Wentz and Abigail, his wife, in consideration of 5 shillings quit claim to said Peter Wentz all right, title, and interest in said 29 plus acres.

[Signed] Philip Wentz
Abigail [X her mark] Wentz

Witnesses:
Abraham Wentz
Gettur Bringford
Robert Jones

[Philadelphia Deeds I, 13, p. 249.
Norristown Deeds 7, No. 2, p. 669]

Deed, September 8, 1754. Philip Wentz, of Worcester, and Abigail, his wife, to Henry Pennibecker, of Skippack and Perkiomen. Recites: Whereas Clement Plumstead and Samuel Powell by deed of February 28, 1729, granted to Peter Wentz, father of above named Philip, one-third part of a tract in Worcester, containing 644 acres [Philadelphia Deeds G 2, p. 39] and Richard Ashfield by deed of March 3, 1733, granted the remaining two-thirds of said tract unto Peter Wentz in fee, and Peter Wentz, by his will of June 7, 1745, bequeathed unto his son Philip 221 acres, part of above properties. Consideration £1114.

[Philadelphia Deeds I, p. 159]

Deed, same date, between same parties, for 60 acres with a mill thereon.

[Philadelphia Deeds I, p. 162]

Deed, April 1, 1803. Philip Wentz, Sr. of Worcester Township, and Abigail, his wife to Philip Wentz, Jr., their son, 55 acres. Refers to a deed of John Bland and Priscilla, his wife.

[Montgomery County, Pa., Deeds 17, p. 164]

Deed, April 1, 1803. Philip Wentz, Sr., of Worcester Township, and Abigail, his wife, to Peter Wentz, their son. Witnessed by John Wentz, J. P.

[Montgomery County, Pa., Deeds 17, p. 175]

By the date of 1803 Philip Wentz, Sr., had become an aged man. then he and his wife gave deed to their son, Peter, for land. This Peter, grandson of the first of that name, held it until 1812, when he sold a house and farm of 100 acres to Nicholas Martin.

[Scrap Book No. 91, Montgomery County Historical Society]

Deed, November 25, 1806. Philip Wentz, of Worcester Township, and Maria, his wife, to Frederick Conrad, Esq., a tract of land adjoining land of Philip Stong, containing 12 acres, it being part of 55 acres which Philip Wentz and Abigail, his wife, by deed of April 1, conveyed to their son Philip, party hereto.

[Montgomery County Deeds 24, p. 465]

Deed, November 4, 1822. Philip Wentz, of Northern Liberties, Philadelphia, and Mary, his wife, to George Sinn, of same, bricklayer, in consideration of $300, a house on east side of Delaware 3rd St., continued beyond Poplar Lane, bought of Jacob Emery. Both sign.
[Philadelphia Deeds I. H. 7, p. 8]

This may or may not refer to the above mentioned Philip.

Will of one Philip Wentz, Sr., of Upper Salford Township, Philadelphia, Co., Pa., written partly in English and partly in Dutch, proved March 22, 1781. Wife, Mary Magdalena. Six children: "died before me, Frederick, Vallentine, and Jacob," and Wendel, Philip, and Peter.
[Philadelphia Will Book R, p. 398]

What Philip was this? Was he of the Valentine Wentz line?

The will of Philip Wentz, Sr., of Worcester Township, Montgomery County, Pa., dated February 3, 1798, probated October 31, 1804. "Far advanced in years." To beloved wife, Appelonia, a room in my house, at present occupied by my son Peter, and furniture for her comfort and a sum of £500 for her dower; also all rents and profits arising out of my plantation during her life. My plantation containing 200 acres, where I now dwell, to be sold at public sale excepting privilege to my wife, and the money arising from the sale to be divided among my seven children; viz., Peter, Philip, Catharine, married to John Knipe, Magdalena, married to John Erhard Hoot, Nancy, married to John Ginkener, Barbara, married to Philip Stong, and Susanna, married to John Bieber.

Executors: friends Frederick Conrad and Joseph Tyson

Codicil, October 7, 1800, mentions that daughters, Nancy and Susanna, have, since the signing of the will, both died leaving issue, and the sum devised to said daughters is to go to their issue when such issue arrive at lawful age. Also, should the interest on £500 be insufficient for my wife's comfortable maintenance, my executors, Frederick Conrad and John Wentz, son of my brother Abraham, shall apply as much of the principal as shall be sufficient.

Witnesses to Codicil: David McNeely
Zacharias Rittenhouse
Fredk. Conrad

[Montgomery County, Pa., Will Book, Vol. 2, p. 415]

Children of Philip and Appelonia [Hartman] Wentz, given in the Wentz Church register and Philip's will:

PETER WENTZ[3], m. June 2, 1774 [1744?], Maria Magdalena Ruckstol, at Old Goshenhoppen Church.

Will of Maria Stier, widow of Jacob Stier, of Philadelphia, innholder, dated June 3, 1807, probated February 17 and 28, 1810, mentions

five children by her three husbands, all deceased; namely, John and Maria Wentz; Catharine and Elizabeth Thum; and Jacob Stier. Codicil: legacy to Sabina Kursus.

[Philadelphia Wills 3, p. 105]

Children of Peter and Maria Magdalena [Ruckstol] Wentz:
JOHN WENTZ
MARY MAGDALENA [MARIA] WENTZ

PHILIP WENTZ[3], m. Ca. 1777, Maria [or Abigail?]

CATHARINE WENTZ[3], m. John Knipe.

MAGDALENA MARIA WENTZ[3], m. July 3, 1771, Gerhard Hud, by Rev. John George Alsentez, under the name of Maria Wentz. In her father's will he is called John Erhard Hoot. Sometimes, Hood.

ELIZABETH WENTZ[3], b. December 27, 1759. Probably died young. Birth recorded in Wentz Church Register but she is not named in her father's will.

NANCY WENTZ[3], m. John Genkener [Genhmer, Gennmer?]. Left issue. She died after her father made his will, February 3, 1798, and before he made the codicil to his will, October 7, 1800.

BARBARA WENTZ[3], b. April 8, 1763. Baptized May 5, 1763, at Wentz's Church. m. Philip Stong. When General Washington was encamped at Peter Wentz's, one Philip Stong and his wife, Barbara, called upon him and were invited to stay to supper. Barbara Wentz would have been fourteen at this time—rather a young wife.

SUSANNA WENTZ[3], d. between February 3, 1798, and October 7, 1800. [See codicil of her father's will.] m. John Bieber. Left issue.

Mrs. Bertha Cochran Landis, Lancaster, Pa., is a descendant of Philip Wentz.

ABRAHAM WENTZ[2], son of Peter and Elizabeth Wentz[1]. b January 3, 1725. d. July 8, 1774. Buried in Wentz's private cemetery, Worcester, Montgomery Co., Pa. m. December 25, 1749, Mary—. b. 1724. d. December 14,

1803, aged 79 yr., 1 mo., 18 da. She was the last person to be buried in the Wentz family cemetery.

Children of Abraham and Mary Wentz:

ELIZABETH WENTZ, m. April 28, 1766, John Coulston, of Norriton, Montgomery County, Pa. d. Intestate. Letters of Administration, February 14, 1785, to Elizabeth Coulston and Willian Coulston.

ABRAHAM WENTZ, d. 1781. m. Sophia Wentz.

HANNAH WENTZ, b. February 18, 1755. d. May 2, 1825. m. Hon. Benjamin Markley.

JOHN WENTZ, b. November 23, 1750. d. 1817. m. Hannah Nanna.

GEORGE WENTZ, d. 1848. m. 1st, Elizabeth Dillworth. m. 2d, Hannah Megarel.

ANNA WENTZ, m. David Davis.

Abraham Wentz helped to found Wentz's Reformed Church at Worcester, Pa.

In April, 1759, Abraham Wentz purchased from John and Agnes Johnson a parcel of land near Center Square, Whitpain Township, Montgomery Co., Pa., and in March, 1761, he purchased from Joel Robinson an adjoining parcel of land. Here he dwelt and had a tavern. This property, with the White Horse Tavern shown on General Clinton's maps and which was built by a family named Kress, is [1938] in the possession of Henry Tetlow.

Abraham Wentz died intestate.

[Montgomery County, Pa., Deed Book No. 1, p. 158]

March 11, 1782. At an Orphans Court held at Philadelphia, the Return of the Sheriff to a Writ of Partitition of the Real Estate of Abraham Wentz, late of Worcester Township, was presented, stating he examined a tract of land in Worcester Township containing 312 acres, also a messuage and plantation and tract of land in Whitpain Township containing about 160 acres, late the real estate of Abraham Wentz, the elder, deceased, and estimated the value thereof £4162 gold, and awards the sum of £83 2s. 6d. to be paid yearly to Mary Wentz, widow of said deceased, as her right of dower in said premises, during the term of her natural life.

[Docket 11, pp. 366 and 392]

Orphans Court, Philadelphia, February 24, 1783. Whereas at an Orphans Court held March 25, 1782, a return of the valuation of the Real Estate of Abraham Wentz, late of Worcester, Philadelphia County, deceased, was made by the Sheriff and ratified by the Court, Now This day appeared [represented by his guardians, Jacob Wentz and John Wentz] Benjamin Wentz, an Infant under the age of 21 years, eldest son of Abraham Wentz, Jr., who was the eldest son of

Abraham Wentz, Sr., deceased. Whereupon the Court offered the Real Estate to said Benjamin at the valuation aforesaid, but same was refused by his guardians. Thereupon it was offered to John Wentz, second son of the said Abraham Wentz deceased, who appeared in court but refused it. Thereupon it was offered to George Wentz, third and last son of said Abraham Wentz deceased, an infant under 21 years of age, who appeared in Court through his guardian, the last named John Wentz, who also refused. Thereupon the Court offered the Real Estate successively to John Coulston and Elizabeth, his wife, she being the eldest daughter of the said Abraham Wentz deceased; Benjamin Markley and Hannah, his wife, she being the second daughter of the said Abraham; and to David Davis and Anna, his wife, she being the third and last daughter of said Abraham deceased; and also to William Markley, the guardian of said Anna, who is an Infant under 21 years of age, who severally refused to accept or take the same at the valuation fixed.

[Orphans Court Docket 12, p. 89]

September 15, 1783. At an Orphans Court held at Philadelphia. The Petition of Mary Wentz, widow of Abraham Wentz, Sr., deceased; Sophia Wentz, widow of Abraham Wentz, Jr., deceased; John Coulston and Elizabeth, his wife; Benjamin Markley and Hannah, his wife; John Wentz, Jr.; David Davis and Anna, his wife; and George Wentz, surviving children of said Abraham Wentz; and Benjamin, Jesse, Enoch, and Mary Wentz, grandchildren of said Abraham, was read setting forth that an Inquest was awarded March 11, 1782, for a partitition of the Real Estate of said Abraham Wentz, Sr., and they being of the opinion that the Real Estate was overvalued by several hundred pounds, and that it has remained neglected to the great injury of the owners and requesting the valuation be set aside and a new valuation be made, which was accordingly ordered.

[Docket 12, p. 217]

Appraisal of the property took place November 29, 1783, value £3,966 14s., specie, lawful money of Pennsylvania, estimated and awarded to Mary Wentz, widow, as her dower the sum of £50 like money.

Orphans Court, March 8, 1784. Citation to appear and take or refuse the Real Estate of Abraham Wentz, the older, at the appraised valuation. Whereupon the Court offered all the Real Estate of Abraham Wentz, the elder, to Benjamin Wentz, he being the eldest son of Abraham Wentz, Jr., who was the eldest son of Abraham Wentz, Sr., deceased, but the said Benjamin Wentz, by his guardian, John Wentz, refused to accept the same. Thereupon the Court offered the same to John Wentz, Jr., the second son of Abraham Wentz, the elder, deceased, who accepted of the same. Thereupon the said John Wentz, Jr., the second son aforesaid, was ordered to secure to the other children of the said Abraham Wentz, the elder, their respective shares; whereupon

the said John Wentz, Jr., offered to the Court as securties John Wentz, Sr., and Benjamin Markley, which was approved by the Court.

[Docket 12, p. 287]

Release, March 8, 1785. Whereas Abraham Wentz, Sr., of Worcester Township, Philadelphia County, Pa., died intestate seized of several plantations and by virtue of an order from the Orphans Court of Philadelphia of December 8, 1783, said plantations were appraised for £3966 14s. specie, and whereas John Wentz, Jr., second son of said deceased, took the property at the appraised value,

Now know ye that we, John Wentz, Sr. [signed Jr.], Mordecai Jones and Sophia his wife, administrators of the estate of Abraham Wentz, Jr., deceased, John Coulston and Elizabeth, his wife, Benjamin Markley and Hannah, his wife, David Davis and Anna, his wife, and George Wentz, co-heirs of the said Abraham Wentz, the elder, deceased, acknowledge receipt from John Wentz, the younger, of the sum of £1781 17s. 10d. half penny, being in full our respective shares.

All sign except Anna Davis, who signed by mark.

[Montgomery County, Pa., Deeds, Vol. 1, p. 158]

Deed, November 1, 1787. John Wentz, Jr., of Whitpain Township, and Hannah, his wife, to George Wentz, consideration £500. Recites: Whereas John Johnston and Agnes, his wife, by deed of April 24, 1759, granted to Abraham Wentz, father of the said John and George Wentz, a plantation in Whitpain containing 110 acres; and Joel Robinson by deed of March 9, 1761, granted to said Abraham 10 acres; and whereas Thomas Fitzwater and Rhoda, his wife, by deed of September 15, 1761, granted to said Abraham Wentz a tract of 40 acres in Whitpain Township; and said Abraham Wentz died intestate seized of said properties leaving a widow, Mary, and five children; namely, Elizabeth, Hannah, the aforesaid John, the aforesaid George, and Anna; also four grandchildren; viz., Benjamin, Jesse, Enoch, and Mary Wentz, children of Abraham Wentz, Jr., who died soon after the decease of his father, to whom the real estate of said Abraham, Sr., descended, who as representatives of their father, Abraham, Jr., became entitled to two shares [the eldest son being entitled to a double share], and said Mary, the widow, to a Dower interest therein. Upon petition of said Mary, widow of Abraham Wentz, Sr., Sophia Wentz, widow of Abraham, Jr., John Coulston and the said Elizabeth, his wife, Benjamin Markley and the above named Hannah, his wife, John Wentz, Jr., party hereto, David Davis and the above named Anna, his wife, and the above named George Wentz, party hereto, and Benjamin Wentz, Jesse Wentz, Enoch Wentz, and Mary Wentz, grandchildren as aforesaid of Abraham Wentz, Sr., by their guardians, Jacob and John Wentz, Sr., in an Orphans Court held at Philadelphia, September 15, 1783, for a partition. It was stated that Benjamin Wentz was the eldest son of Abraham Wentz, Jr., who was the eldest son of Abraham, Sr. His guardians refused to take the

property at the appraisal and the Court ordered it sold to John Wentz, Jr., second son of Abraham, Sr., etc.

[Montgomery County, Pa., Deeds, Book 4, p. 190-194]

CATHARINE WENTZ[2], daughter of Peter and Elizabeth Wentz[1]. d. August 17, 1745 "before her father." m. 1st, Henry Snyder; 2d, Simeon Henry Haker, gentleman. Children of Henry and Catharine [Wentz] Snyder:

ELIZABETH SNYDER
PETER SNYDER
ADAM SNYDER
JACOB SNYDER

WENTZ'S REFORMED CHURCH
Worcester, Pa.

The Wentz family was very prominent around the year 1760, and it was this prominence that made them leaders in the founding of what was then known as the Worcester High Dutch Reformed Church, and later as Wentz's Reformed Church. In this movement they—Jacob, Peter, 2d, Philip, and Abraham, sons of Peter Wentz, 1st—were ably seconded by neighboring landlords.

[Perkiomen Region, 1922, Vol. I, No. 2, pp. 35-36]

As early as 1727 the church had existed in Lower Salford Township, the membership composed mainly of German emigrants from the Palatinate. Around the year 1760 the leading members built a new church at the present location, about six miles northeast of Norristown, in Worcester [Center Point], Pa., and changed its name. With the removal of the old Skippack Church and the change of name which followed, the Rev. John George Alsentz became the first pastor of the congregation, serving till his death seven years later.

> "The name Wentz is derived from the well known families of this name, which, at that period, were quite numerous in this neighborhood; and being blessed with worldly possessions, they occupied a prominent position among their fellow citizens."

[Rev. S. M. K. Huber, Historical Sketch of Wentz's Reformed Church, of Worcester Township, Montgomery County, Pa.]

WENTZ'S REFORMED CHURCH
WORCESTER, PA.

Left: Showing the original cornerstone; Right: Showing date stone over door.

January 2, 1762, John Lefevre and his wife, Christina, deeded to Philip Wentz, Peter Wentz, Jacob Weaver, Philip Speer, Jacob Reiff, and Henry Cunrads a tract of land along the Skippack Road, to which Jacob Wentz and his wife, Elizabeth, added another tract of the same size for the use of the High Dutch Reformed or Presbyterian Church of Worcester.

October 3, 1763, Jacob, Philip, and Peter Wentz signed the authority for Abraham Tauber and Ludwig German, of Worcester, "as men of honesty and integrity, to receive such benefactions which by charitable hearts and hands will be contributed to the support and assistance of our church."

November 28, 1768, Jacob Wentz, of Worcester, who was an Elder of the Reformed Church, petitioned the Assembly for a lottery in benefit of said church.

January 18, 1772, the Elders and Deacons rendered an account of their collections. Jacob Wentz's collection,£207

8s. 9d., was more than all the others combined, the total being £396 6s. 7d.

Wentz's Reformed Church, situated on the Skippack Road nearly a mile above Worcester, was built in 1762 and twice rebuilt, as is shown by the old cornerstone of red sandstone, bearing the date 1762, still preserved in the present church, and by a marble slab high over the front door with the inscription:

Wentz Reformed Church

Built	1762
Rebuilt	1831
Rebuilt	1878

In deed dated April 27, 1769, recorded Montgomery County, Deed Book No. 11, page 161, Philip Wentz, Peter Wentz, Jacob Weaver, Philip Spare, Henry Conrads, and Jacob Reiff, after reciting the conveyances by John Lefevre and Christiana his wife, and Jacob Wentz and Elizabeth his wife, to them, declare that the said conveyances were upon "special trust and confidence"....that they and their heirs "shall permit and suffer the said two described lots of land to be and remain for religious purposes, that is to say, for a church or place of worship already erected thereon for the use of the High Dutch Reformed or Presbyterian Congregation in the said Township of Worcester and places near adjacent and shall also permit the free and undisturbed use of the school house for teaching of school for the use of the said congregation, and the Grave Yard for Burying their dead or such others as they shall allow of."

[Bean's History of Montgomery County]

Sunday, June 17, 1906, with four services all largely attended, the 144th Anniversary of Wentz's Reformed Church, of Worcester, was fittingly observed. A feature of the day was the reconsecration of the building, which had been improved and beautified. At that time, the Honorable John A. Wentz, ex-senator of Montgomery County, a lineal descendant of one of the founders of the Church, made an eloquent address. The church is now in excellent condition with Sunday school rooms, gallery, pipe organ, cushioned seats, beautiful altar piece of Christ with the inscription, "Behold I stand at the door and knock,"—"typical of the elegant simplicity of the Wentzes and embodying their ideals of service, devotion, and simplicity."—Rev. D. D. Brendle, Pastor of Wentz's Church.

One Sunday morning in November, 1916, special services were held in Wentz's Reformed Church to dedicate a large granite monument erected by the descendants of Jacob, Peter, Philip, and Abraham Wentz, who were the founders of the church, in honor of the memory of the unknown dead in the church cemetery. Ex-senator John A. Wentz delivered an address and made the presentation. The four corners of the large plot of ground upon which the monument is erected are marked with marble posts, each bearing the letter W. The inscription on the monument reads:

"This monument has been erected to the memory of the unknown dead numbering about 250 souls. By the descendants of Peter, Philip, Jacob, and Abm. Wentz, founders of this church. Nov. 19, 1916."

A number of the Wentz family are buried in the cemetery by the church. Some inscriptions copied from a photograph taken in the cemetery at Wentz Church:

In memory of Phillip Wentz, who departed this life June the 9th, 1801, in the 28th year of his age. His life was short, the longer he is to rest. God takes them soonest [when] he loves them best.

In memory of Philip Wentz. Born Octr. 1st, 1722. Died Decr. 30th, 1803. Aged 81 years and 3 months.

In memory of Appelonia Wentz. Born Sept. 27, 1729. Died May 27, 1808. Aged 77 years and 8 months.

In memory of Mary Wentz who departed this life May 14, 1850. Aged 80 years, 8 mo., and 22 days.

Zum Godeclanif z von Henrich Curad [incomplete]

Maria Elizabeth Conradin, Geftorbendin 2 Ian 1770 Ihles [Incomplete]

Other stones near these were erected to Mary Stong, Camilla Lewis, Conrad Stong, and Jacob Heisner.

IV
THIRD GENERATION
Children of JACOB and ELIZABETH [BOYER] WENTZ

JACOB WENTZ[3], Jr., son of Jacob and Elizabeth [Boyer] Wentz[2], Peter[1]. b. circa 1740. d. 1783. Intestate. m. June 22, 1770, at Germantown Reformed Church, Barbara [Wentz] Alsentz, widow of Rev. John George Alsentz, whom she married December 11, 1764. Reverend Alsentz was the first pastor of the Wentz Reformed Church at Worcester, Pa.

Jacob Wentz and Melchior Waggoner were executors of the will of Jacob Renner of Philadelphia County, dated February 2, 1766, probated September 30, 1766. He mentions wife, Anna Margaret, and children, Adam, Jacob, and George.

[Philadelphia Will Book O, p. 28]

Jacob Wentz enlisted in Philadelphia, July 23, 1776, in the German Regiment Continental Troops, commanded by Lieut. Col. Weltner, in Captain Peter Boyer's Company, to serve during the Revolutionary War.

[Pennsylvania Archives, 5th Series, Vol. 3, p. 821]

He was promoted Corporal [Ibid., p. 817] and later Sergeant of the same Regiment [Ibid., p. 826].

Letters of Administration on the estate of Jacob Wentz were granted at Philadelphia, December 6, 1783, to Barbara and John Wentz.

[Administration Book I, p. 75]

April 24, 1784. Philadelphia Orphans Court. Petition of Elizabeth, Sophia, Catherine, and Rebecca Wentz, infant children of Jacob Wentz, Jr., deceased, by their mother, Barbara Wentz and Frederick Conrad of Worcester, blacksmith.

[Docket 12, p. 320]

Jacob and Barbara Wentz were members of the Wentz Reformed Church of Worcester Township, about ten miles from Norristown, Pa., and their children were baptized there.

Children of Jacob and Barbara [Wentz-Alsentz] Wentz:

ELIZABETH WENTZ, b. April 11, 1771. m. December 9, 1789, James Bean, at St. James P. E. Church, Perkiomen.

SOPHIA WENTZ, b. December 20, 1772. Baptized January 10, 1773, at Wentz's Reformed Church. m. April 12, 1792, Richard Casselberry, at St. James P. E. Church, Perkiomen.

MARIA WENTZ, b. November 7, 1774. Baptized December 26, 1774. at Wentz's Reformed Church. d. April 25, 1776, and is buried in the Wentz Cemetery, Worcester, Pa.

CATHERINE WENTZ, b. October 17, 1776. m. August 28, 1794, William Casselberry, at St. James P. E. Church, Perkiomen.

REBECCA WENTZ, b. October 31, 1779. Single.

CATHARINE WENTZ[3], daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth [Boyer] Wentz,[2] Peter.[1] b. June 17, 1745. d. December 24, 1825. Buried at Old Goshenhoppen cemetery. m. Michael Croll, Esquire, Justice of the Peace. He d. 1796, intestate.

Michael Croll was a man of considerable prominence in Montgomery County.

March 24, 1788. Michael Croll, administrator of Jacob Wentz, the elder, deceased, petitioned the Orphans Court for the auditing of his accounts. Additional account of Michael Croll examined by auditors showed a balance of £3500, including a plantation in Limerick Township.

[Norristown Orphans Court, Original Papers 20233]

Letters of Administration on the estate of Michael Croll, of Upper Salford, were granted February 8, 1796, to Jacob Croll and Frederick Conrad.

Children of Michael and Catharine [Wentz] Croll:

JACOB CROLL and other children not named are mentioned in the will of their grandmother, Elizabeth Wentz, widow of Jacob Wentz, Sr.

[Norristown Wills, I, p. 202]

Children of PETER and ROSINA [or Rosanna] MARGARETHA WENTZ

JOHN WENTZ,[3] captain, son of Peter and Rosanna Wentz,[2] Peter.[1] b. July 20, 1743. d. April 18, 1804. He and his wife are buried in Lancaster Cemetery, Lancaster, Pa., their bodies having been transferred from the old cemetery. He was baptized November 5, 1752, at the Reformed Church of Faulkner's Swamp, and his birth is there recorded. He m. circa 1767, Susanna Dickensheed, daughter of Christopher and Margaret Dickensheed. She was born February 14, 1744, in Germany. d. July 3, 1823, in Lancaster, Pa.

Children of John and Susanna [Dickensheed] Wentz, a list of whose names and dates on a slip of paper yellow with age, were found in the family Bible of Joseph Wentz:

WILLIAM WENTZ, Twin, b. January 3, 1769. d. in infancy.
MARGARET WENTZ, Twin, Buried in the Wentz Cemetery, Worcester, Pa. Margaret d. aged 10 mo. 3 wk.
ISAAC WENTZ, b. March 21, 1771. d. August 3, 1816. m. Mary Kinkead.
JOSEPH WENTZ, b. November 20, 1772. d. January 30, 1861. m. Sarah Smith.
ELIZABETH WENTZ, b. October 1, 1774. d. February 13, 1779. Buried in Wentz Cemetery, Worcester, Pa.
MARGARET WENTZ, b. October 20, 1776.
SUSANNA WENTZ, b. September 24, 1778. m. Colonel Moser.
JOHN WENTZ, b. 1779.
THOMAS WENTZ, b. March 21, 1780. d. May 29, 1829. m. 1st, Catherine Eordon. m. 2nd, Anna Maria Eordon.
ELIZABETH WENTZ, b. November 23, 1782. m. ———Groff.
CHRISTOPHER WENTZ, b. November 22, 1784. Ch. Wentz served in the War of 1812 in Gen Hambright's Co., 1st Reg., 2d Brigade, Pennsylvania Militia. [Penna. Archives, 5th Series, Vol. 36, p. 161]. He later kept the "Rainbow Hotel," Lancaster, Pa.
MOLLY WENTZ, b. March 16, 1787. One account says she died in infancy; another, her real name was Mary Polly, she married Theodore Hartman and lived at Ephrata or Lebanon, Lancaster Co., Pa., and her son painted a picture, which he gave to Mary Maria [Wentz] Penny.

The will of Christopher Dickensheed, of Lower Salford Township, Montgomery County, Pa., dated March 12, 1787, probated April 28, 1788, mentions wife, Margaret; son, Dillman; grandson, Christopher, son of Dillman; son, William; daughter, Susanna, wife of John Wentz; five grandchildren [not named], children of son, Frederick; three grandchildren [not named], children of son, Valentine, deceased.

Executors: Son-in-law, John Wentz, and John Shuler
Witnesses: Henry Sweitzer and Gabriel Shuler

Deed, April, 1789. John Wentz, of Norrinton, and John Shuler, of Lower Salford, Executors, to Conrad Keiler, of Lower Salford. Recites: The Proprietary by Patent of May 24, 1728, granted to Henry Ruth 200 acres, and said Henry Ruth and Madgeline, his wife, by deed of August 18, 1747, granted 107 acres of said grant to Christian Stauffer in fee, and said Christian Stauffer and Barbara, his wife, by deed of January 25, 1749/50, granted the same to Christopher Dickensheed, who by his will of March 12, 1787, appointed John Wentz and John Shuler his executors.

[Montgomery County, Pa., Deeds 8, p. 42].

This John Wentz was the son of the Peter Wentz at whose home General Washington and his staff were guests

about the time of the battle of Germantown, October, 1777. It was the most pretentious house in the vicinity.

One John Wentz kept an inn at Norriton, Montgomery County, Pa., in 1766. [Bean's History of Montgomery County, p. 347]

In 1774, John Wentz lived in Whitpains, Philadelphia [now Mongomery] County, Pa., for on November 14, of that year, he bought two tracts of land in Worcester Township from his father, Peter, 2d.
[Philadelphia Deeds I, 13, p. 255]

Deed, April 9, 1778. Bartle Bartleson died, 1777, and the next year Elizabeth Bartleson, as executrix of her father's will, sold her father's plantation at public sale, April 9, 1778, to John Wentz [Mr. Detweiler says the son of the second Peter Wentz of Worcester]. In 1792, John Wentz sold it to Dr. Robert Shannon for £1510. Rachel Shannon, his daughter, who married Daniel St. Clair, came into possession of the property, formerly known as the old Wentz Inn, later known as the St. Clair homestead, near the present Penn Square, Norriton. [Detweiler Papers, Scrap Book No. 91, p. 137, in Library of Historical Society of Montgomery County, Norristown, Pa.]. [This Old Wentz Inn, or St. Clair Homestead in Norriton is not the stone house Peter Wentz, 2d, built in 1758, and which became famous by reason of its being the headquarters of General Washington for a time in October, 1777, for Peter Wentz lived there until 1784. For further transfers of the Peter Wentz house see list of Schultz deeds.]

John Wentz, of Norrinton, yeoman, was appointed one of the guardians of his cousin Abraham's minor children, 1783.
[Philadelphia Orphan's Court Docket 12, p. 89]

Deed, February 10, 1792. John Wentz, of Norrinton Township, Montgomery County, Pa., Innkeeper, and Susannah, his wife, sold to John Slinglough, of Whitpain, a tract in Whitpain containing 20 acres, consideration £180.
[Montgomery County Deeds 6, p. 504]

The occupation of innkeeper in Colonial days was considered a suitable one for a retired gentleman.

We find John Wentz moving from place to place—Norriton, Whitpains, Norriton, in Montgomery County, Pa. The United States Census shows him in Montgomery County in 1790. He went from Montgomery County into Chester County, Pa., after 1790, probably moving in 1792 when he sold his home. We know he moved in the early '90's, for we find him of Norrinton Township, Montgomery County, Pa., in 1792 [See deed, February 10, 1792.], and of West

Fallowfield, Chester County, Pa., in 1794 [See deed, March 18, 1794.]. In 1800 John Wentz kept a tavern at the sign of "the Rainbow" in Adamstown, now included in the city of Lancaster, and in May of that year removed to the house of Gerhard Bubach in Lancaster, where he had the same sign. His wife, Susannah, continued business at the old "Rainbow Hotel," and was succeeded by her son, Christopher. [History of Lancaster County, p. 399] He died in Lancaster, Pa., perhaps at his son Thomas's. He and his wife are buried with Thomas and his wife in the Lancaster Cemetery.

LANCASTER CEMETERY
Lancaster, Pa.
Graves of [left to right]: John Wentz, d. 1804; Catherine Wentz, d. 1817; Thomas Wentz, d. 1829; Susanna Dickensheed Wentz, d. 1823; Elizabeth Wentz. d. 1816.

Deed, August 31, 1793. William Truman and wife, of West Caln Township, Chester County, Pa., sold to John Wentz, miller, of East Fallowfield Township, Chester County, Pa., for consideration of £600, "a certain messuage or tenement, a corn or grist mill, and saw mill, and three tracts of land in the Township of East and West Fallowfield, Chester County, Pa."

[Chester County, Pa., Deeds, K-2, Vol. 34, p. 314]

Deed, March 18, 1794. John Wentz, of West Fallowfield, Chester

County, Pa., and Susanna, his wife, and other heirs of Peter Wentz, 2d, settle their father's estate.

[Montgomery County Deeds, 10, p. 367]

Deed, November 17, 1794. John Wentz sold a tract of land, 103 acres, in East Fallowfield Township, with saw mill.

[Chester County Deeds, Book L, Vol. 2, p. 186]

Deed, August 15, 1795. John Wentz, yeoman, of West Caln Township, Chester County, Pa., bought of Christopher Wells, of the same place, and Ann, his wife, for the consideration of £650, a tract of land in West Caln Township, Chester County, Pa.

[Chester County, Pa., Deeds M-2, Vol. 36, p. 124]

Deed, April 9, 1798. John Wentz and Susannah, his wife, of West Caln Township, sold 168 acres to Samuel Biles. Had purchased this tract of land from Christopher Wells, August 15, 1795.

[Chester County Deeds, Book Q, Vol. 2, p. 340]

John Wentz assisted in establishing American Independence while acting in the capacity of captain of militia, Philadelphia County, Pa.

CAPTAIN JOHN WENTZ, 5th Company, Norriton Township Associators and Militia, County of Philadelphia. 1775.

[Pennsylvania Archives, Sixth Series, Vol. I, p. 895]

Pennsylvania authorities advise us that **Norriton** is but a variation of **Norrinton** Township. Note from National Society D. A. R.: Wm. S. Buck's History of Montgomery County, 1859, p. 94. As early history of both Norristown and Norriton are so much identified until their separation in 1812; p. 93, Norristown erected 1812.

John Wentz, Captain 5th Company, 6th Battalion, Lieut. Col. Robert Correy [Curry, Esq.], Philadelphia County Militia. 1780.

[Pennsylvania Archives, Sixth Series, Vol. I, p. 886]
[Ibid. pp. 907, 946, 951, 953, 964, [and 895 above]]

Muster role of white inhabitants between the ages of 18 and 53 capable of bearing arms within the township of Norriton includes Capt. John Wentz. [Ibid. Vol. III, p. 1342]

John Wentz **of Norrinton**, son of Peter Wentz, and John Wentz of Whitpain, son of Abraham Wentz, were first cousins. John Wentz of Norrinton [Norriton], thirty-one years old when the Revolution broke out, was the Captain John Wentz mentioned in the Pennsylvania

Archives, Sixth Series, Vol. I, p. 895 and a number of other places in these Archives. John Wentz of Whitpain, but fifteen years old when the Revolution broke out, could hardly have been a captain in 1775—although after the Revolution he became a colonel.

Captain Wentz's Second Company, Philadelphia County—Revolutionary War. Reference is given to Pennsylvania Archives, 6th Series I, p. 904. [See D. A. R. Magazine, November, 1925, p. 682.]

The name John Wentz is to be found many times in the military records of Pennsylvania. The identity of the following John Wentzes is not certain at this time.

A return of 2d, 3rd, and 4th classes of Capt. George Egerts' Company, 1st Battalion, Philadelphia County Militia: John Wentz, 2d class private, May 24, 1779.

[Pennsylvania Archives, Sixth Series, Vol. I, p. 617, 964]

John Wentz, 4th class private, 4th Company, Benjamin Markley, Captain—Revolutionary War.

[Ibid. p. 791]

John Wentz, 2d class private, 7th Company, Capt. Henry Nevels of the Upper District of Uppersolfort—Revolutionary War.

[Ibid. pp. 833, 836, 852, 870]

Pensions and Gratuities [1812-1814] Susannah Wentz, widow of John Wentz, private, Capt. I. Hergesheimer. [p. 401] Col. I. Thompson. Regional Commander. Nicetown, Philadelphia County, Pa. [p. 498] Widow paid $75.00 by certificate No. 777, May 8, 1879, under Act of May 24, 1878. [p. 596]

[Ibid. Sixth Series, Vol. 7, pp. 401, 498, 596]

John Wentz and others of Capt. Joseph Heargesheimer's Company acknowledged receipt of $1.60 additional pay. [Ibid Vol.9, p. 177-178.]

John Wentz, private. Jonathan Tucker, Captain. Muster Roll, 8th Company, Pennsylvania Militia, Philadelphia County. War of 1812.

[Ibid. Vol. 7, p. 81]

John Wentz, Captain, 6th C., 51st Regiment, Second Division, Montgomery County. [Ibid p. 115]

John Wentz, private, Vol. Rifle Company,....to 1st Battalion, 61st Regiment, Capt. George Trine. War of 1812. [Ibid. p. 361]

John Wentz, private, John Shaffer, Captain, [Late 118] Pennsylvania Militia, who marched under general orders of 16th of September 1814. [Ibid. Vol. 8, p. 783]

John Wentz, 5th class, Jacob Solt, Captain. Actual service 8th Company. 118 Regiment, Pennsylvania Militia. [Ibid. Vol. 9, p. 117]

BARBARA WENTZ,[3] daughter of Peter and Rosanna Wentz,[2] Peter.[1] b. February 24, 1744. m. 1st by license dated June 2, 1768, Francis Hainich. m. 2d, September 30, 1784, Joseph Tyson, Esquire, of Worcester and Norriton.

Children of Joseph and Barbara [Wentz] Tyson:

CHARLOTTE TYSON, b. 1789. d. 1881. m. Abraham Wentz.
CORNELIUS TYSON.
BARBARA TYSON. [Possibly others]

The will of Joseph Tyson, of Worcester Township, dated September 7, 1825, probated May 16, 1829, mentions daughter Barbara [single] and son Cornelius.

Executors: Son-in-law, Abraham Wentz, and son, Cornelius.
Witnesses: Garret Metz and Jacob Casselberry.

JOHN PETER WENTZ,[3] son of Peter and Rosanna Wentz,[2] Peter.[1] b. December 22, 1747. d. 1839. m. Mary Jenkins, daughter of John and Sara [Hawkesworth] Jenkins.

[Jenkins' History of Gwynedd, p. 373]

Children of John Peter and Mary [Jenkins] Wentz:

PHILIP WENTZ, d. June 9, 1801 "in 28 yr. of his age" [tombstone, Wentz Church, Worcester, Pa., m. perhaps Elizabeth Hynes, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth Hynes, of Hatfield. Will of Samuel Hynes, of Hatfield, Montgomery County, Pa., dated June 1, 1803, probated August, 1803, mentions wife, Elizabeth; daughter, Mary, wife of William McCasin; daughter, Elizabeth, widow of Philip Wentz [have received their shares]; daughters, Margaret, Ann, Hannah, and Eleanor; sons, Matthew and Samuel. Executors: Wife and John Todd. Witnesses: Isaiah Thomas and John Taylor.

Maria, "only daughter," m. Benjamin Hough, son of Benjamin and Hannah Hough.

SUSANNA WENTZ, m. Cyrus Collam. Son [See grandfather's will.]: Wentz

JAMES WENTZ, m. Mary.

Deed, April 1, 1842. James Wentz, of Montgomery Township, Tailor, and Mary, his wife, to George Dotts, of same. A lot on Horsham road and a public road leading from Norristown to Doylestown containing 15 acres. [Montgomery County, Pa., Deeds 75, p. 455]

ARCHIBALD WENTZ. Went to the Southwest when a young unmarried man and was lost to the family.

ABIGAIL WENTZ, m. Conrad Stong. One Conrad Stong is buried at Wentz's Church.

SARAH WENTZ, m. Thomas Wilson.

ANN WENTZ, m. ——— Hawkesworth [Haxworth, Hanworth, Noxworth]

Deed, March 10, 1829. Peter Wentz, of Montgomery Township, and Mary, his wife, conveyed a tract of 70 - - acres to Charles Roberts, of Gwynedd, consideration $3545.62, bought by Peter Wentz April 10, 1812, from Lewis Stagrer and Louisa, his wife.

[Deed signed Peter Wentz by mark.]

[Montgomery County, Pa., Deeds 45, p. 223]

Will of Peter Wentz, of Montgomery Township, County of Montgomery, Pa., dated December 10, 1835, probated May 28, 1839. Mentions granddaughter, Maria Hough, only daughter of my deceased son, Philip; sons, James and Archibald; daughter, Susan, intermarried with Cyrus Collam; children of deceased daughter, Ann Haxworth [not named]; daughter, Abigail, intermarried with Conrad Stong; daughter, Sarah, intermarried with Thomas Wilson. A provision was made to charge his two sons, James and Archibald, the amounts advanced to them; for his grandson, Wentz Collam; and should my son Archibald, concerning whom I have had no information for many years, be dead or shall die before the settlement of my estate, leaving any lawful issue, his portion shall go to such issue. Then such balance of my estate, if any there be, to be divided equally among my other son, James, and my three daughters, Abigail Stong, Susan Collam, and Sarah Wilson.

Executors: Son-in-law, Thomas Wilson

Friend, Jacob Cassel, of Montgomery Township

[Signed] Peter [X his mark] Wentz

Witnesses:

Frederick W. Hoover

George W. Laud

[Montgomery County, Pa., Wills, 8, p. 26]

February 19, 1842, Estate of Peter Wentz, late of Montgomery Township, deceased. Specific legacies of $920. By Jacob Cassel, Administrator. Maria Hough, Susanna Collum, James Wentz, Archibald Wentz, Abigail Stong, Anne Noxworth.

Petition of Abigail Stong, widow of Conrad Stong, and one of the daughters and legatees of Peter Wentz, late of Montgomery Township, deceased. Recites that the petitioner's father died in 1839, having made his will which was probated May 28, 1839, and left specific legacies amounting to $920, among which was one of $220 to his son, Archibald Wentz and residue to his sons, James and Archibald, and daughters, Susanna Collom and Sarah Wilson. The testator states that he has had no information for a long time of his son, Archibald, and directed, in case his said son, Archibald, was deceased and should die without leaving lawful issue, that his legacy should be equally divided between his son, James, and daughters, Abigail Stong, Susanna Collum, and Sarah Wilson.

That a settlement was made by Thomas Wilson and Jacob Cassel, the Executors, February 19, 1842, by which it appears there is a balance in the hands of the Executors of $3411.96. That the said Archibald Wentz went to the South West many years ago when a young man and unmarried and has not been heard from since 1829 and is believed to be dead. Petitioner asks that his legacy should be divided as per her father's will.

[Original Document 20,690]

MATTHIAS WENTZ,[3] son of Peter and Rosanna Wentz,[2] Peter.[1] b. May 19, 1749. d. August 16, 1823, aged 74 years, 2 months, 28 days [tombstone]. m. April 25 1775, Lydia DeHaven, daughter of John and Elizabeth [Potts] DeHaven, of Whitpain Township, Montgomery County, Pa. Lydia b. January 22, 1752. d. March 26, 1827. Matthias Wentz and his wife, Lydia, are buried in Boehm's Reformed Church yard, at Blue Bell, Whitpain Township, Montgomery County, Pa.

Children of Matthias and Lydia [DeHaven] Wentz:

JONATHAN WENTZ, b. July 30, 1776. d. March 5, 1836. m. Margaret Scheetz.

DAVID WENTZ, b. December 16, 1777. d. April 2, 1779.

SAMUEL WENTZ, b. January 20, 1780. m. Sarah Tatem.

LEVI WENTZ, b. July 8, 1781. d. August 27, 1844. m. Ann Redifer.

ELIZABETH WENTZ, b. August 6, 1783. d. November 28, 1786.

JACOB WENTZ, b. February 5, 1785. d. August 27, 1855. m. Catherine Heller.

JOHN DE HAVEN married, June 17, 1743, at the First Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Elizabeth Potts, who d. October 19, 1906. [Pennsylvania Archives, 2d Series, Vol. IX, p. 56] Residence: Whitpain. [Pa. Arch., 3d Series, Vol. XIV, p. 34 and p. 741]. Deeds: Montgomery County, Pa., Deed Books No. 11, p. 368 and No. 21, p. 235.

Children of John and Elizabeth [Potts] DeHaven:

DAVID DeHAVEN, m. Magdaline Zimmerman

LYDIA DeHAVEN, m. Matthias Wentz.

The will of John DeHaven, of Whitpain Township, Montgomery County, Pa., dated May 15, 1798, probated December 18, 1812, mentions son, David; wife, Elizabeth; daughter, Lydia Wentz; grandchildren, Jonathan, Samuel, Levi, and Jacob Wentz.

Executors: Wife, Elizabeth, and son, David.

Witnesses: Morgan Morgan and Samuel Slingloof.

[Montgomery County, Pa., Will Book, No. 3, p. 437]

At a celebration held at Cemter Square, July 5, 1813, to celebrate "the day that made us a free and independent people" Matthias Wentz volunteered this toast: "The heroes of '76, may their offspring live independent." [Sketches, Historical Society, Montgomery County, Pa., Vol. VI, p. 148]

Deed, November 10, 1820. Matthias Wentz, of Whitpain, Montgomery County, farmer, and Lydia, his wife, to Samuel Wentz, of Philadelphia, in consideration of £10 and performance of trusts hereinafter mentioned: an undivided fourth part in a messuage and lot northeast of Shackamaxon St., between Frankford Road and Duer St., Kensington, Northern Liberties, Philadelphia; rent from said property to be used for the schooling of his daughter Lydia, and in case of her death to the use of Sarah, wife of Samuel Wentz, and in case of the death of Sarah the said Samuel Wentz shall appropriate the net proceeds for the benefit of any one of his children he may deem proper. The said Samuel and Sarah Wentz shall not mortgage the premises.

[Philadelphia Deeds A. M. 60, p. 68]

Letters of Administration on the estate of Matthias Wentz were granted by the Register of Wills of Montgomery County, October 2, 1823, to Jonathan Wentz and Jacob Wentz, Administrators. Some of the papers in this estate call him "Matthias Wentz, late of Springfield Township," but the heading of the Inventory filed in "A true and perfect Inventory of all and singular," etc., "of Matthias Wentz late of the Township of Whitpain," hence sometime prior to 1823 he came from Whitpain to reside in Springfield Township.

April 4, 1825. Petition of Jacob Wentz, Administrator of Matthias Wentz, who died intestate, sets forth that the said Matthias left four children: Jonathan, Samuel, Levi, and Jacob, and, his personal estate being insufficient to pay his debts, asks to sell 58 acres in Whitpain Township bounded by land of John DeHaven, John Wood, Charles Roberts, and the Skippack Road.

[Orphan's Court, Norristown, Pa., Original 20581]

August 17, 1825. Account of settlement of the estate of Matthias Wentz, late of Springfield Township, Montgomery County, Pa., by Jacob and Jonathan Wentz, Administrators. Two accounts filed—one of $1114.85, another of $2109.13.

[Orphan's Court, Norristown, Pa., Original 20581]

Deed, October 12, 1825. Jonathan and Jacob Wentz, Administrators of Matthias Wentz, of Springfield, who died intestate, to Henry Daub, of Whitemarsh. Whereas, John DeHaven and Elizabeth, his wife, by deed of May 4, 1784 [Deed Book 11, p. 368] granted a tract of 58 acres unto Matthias Wentz in fee, and upon petition to the Orphan's Court January 17, 1825, by Jacob Wentz, it was stated said Matthias left four children, Jonathan, Samuel, Levi, and Jacob and his personal estate not being sufficient to pay his debts, the Court ordered the sale of the above property.

[Montgomery County, Pa., Decds 42, p. 68]

December 10, 1827. Letters of Administration on the estate of Lydia Wentz, of Whitemarsh, Montgomery County, Pa., were granted to Jonathan and Jacob Wentz.

[Montgomery County, Pa., File 17, p. 624]

SOPHIA WENTZ,[3] daughter of Peter and Rosanna Wentz,[2] Peter.[1] b. September 25, 1751. d. 1818. Left a will. m. 1st, September 15, 1774, at First Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Abraham Wentz, son of Abraham and Mary Wentz, of Worcester Township, who d. 1781. m. 2d, November 25, 1784, Mordecai Jones, Jr., who d. 1816.

Children of Abraham and Sophia [Wentz] Wentz:

BENJAMIN, JESSE, ISAIAH, ENOCH, MARY. [See Abraham Wentz]

Will of Mordecai Jones, of Whitpain Township, dated May 6, 1816, probated May 30, 1818, mentions wife [not named] to receive 40 acres of land; Benjamin Wentz, 36 acres subject to payment of £12 annually to son Jesse; to Mordecai Wentz and Sophia, his wife, 9¾ acres; Maria Coplin, Elizabeth Jones, Jonathan Jones, brother's children [not named].

Executors: Jonathan Jones and son Jesse.

Witnesses: Jonathan Jones and Abraham Wentz.

[Will Book No. 5, p. 66]

Will of Sophia Jones, of Whitpain Township, Montgomery County, Pa., dated February 27, 1818, probated April 11, 1818. Estate to three Children, not named, and Sophia Wentz.

Executors: son Jesse and Thomas Humphrey.

Witnesses: John and Jacob Hurst.

Deed, May 21, 1819. Jonathan Jones, Jesse Wentz, and Abraham Wentz, executors of Mordecai Jones, of Whitpain, and Jesse Wentz, Thomas Humphrey, executors of Sophia Jones, late of same, widow of Mordecai Jones, to James Buck, of same. Recites that Peter Shearer and Ludwick Shearer, by deed of November 26, 1785, conveyed a tract in Whitpain Township containing 40 acres unto Peter Wentz, who died intestate leaving issue: two sons, John and Matthias, and four daughters, Barbara, intermarried with Joseph Tyson, Catherine intermarried with George Pluck, Sophia, intermarried with above named Mordecai Jones, and Rosanna, intermarried with John Fitzgerald. And, Whereas, John Wentz and Susanna, his wife, Matthias Wents and Lydia, his wife, Joseph Tyson and Barbara, his wife, and John Fitzgerald and Rosanna, his wife, by deed of March 18, 1794 [Norristown Deeds 10, p. 367], granted their undivided interests to Mordecai Jones, who by his will of May 6, 1816, bequeathed the use and occu-

pation of said 40 acres to his wife, Sophia. Said Sophia died leaving a will dated February 27, 1818, empowering her executors above named to make title.

[Montgomery County, Pa., Deeds 36, p. 167]

CATHERINE WENTZ,[3] daughter of Peter and Rosanna Wentz,[2] Peter.[1] m. June 25, 1776, George Pluck, of Whitemarsh and Norriton. He d. 1815, intestate. Letters of Administration on the estate of George Pluck, of Norriton, were granted December 11, 1815, to Peter Pluck, who was the son of George and Catherine [Wentz] Pluck.

PETER PLUCK was baptized June 28, 1778, at Wentz's Church.

ROSANNA WENTZ,[3] daughter of Peter and Rosanna Wentz,[2], Peter.[1] b. April 1, 1755. m. John Fitzgerald, of Providence and Worcester Townships, in 1779. He d. 1810.

John Fitzgerald and his brother Edward were natives of Ireland. The date of their coming was uncertain and no definite place is known as their home. The two brothers enlisted in the War of the Revolution from Philadelphia County. Worcester Township was a part of Philadelphia County prior to 1784, when it became part of Montgomery County. Their services were with the Third Pennsylvania Continental Line.

[Pennsylvania Archives, 5th Series, Vol. 2, pp. 871, 996]

The following is a copy [made from the original] of the ORDER given by John Fitzgerald, "aid de Camp" at Whitemarsh, December 25, 1777:

"His Excellency, the Commander-in-Chief, having grant'd a Protection for Mr. West's Woodland when the Army encamp'd at this place. He is further pleas'd to direct that such parties of the Standing Army or Militia as may from time to time Encamp at or near Church Hill, Cut no Wood belonging to Mr. West, but supply themselves out of the Woods adjoining to his Land.

"Given at White Marsh December 25, 1777
by order of his Excellency
John Fitzgerald
Aid de Camp."

[Letter in Philadelphia, Historical Society of Pa.]

This Order was found in Hope Lodge, a home occupied by Jacob Wentz, a nephew of Rosanna Wentz who married

John Fitzgerald. Washington authorities state that Washington's Aid de Camp, who signed this Order, was one John Fitzgerald of Alexandria, Va., others believe him to be John Fitzgerald of Pennsylvania. The thing that baffled the searchers was the fact that the signatures of John of Virginia and John of Pennsylvania were apparently identical.

There is recorded a deed in Norristown on March 16, 1794, of Peter Wentz in which his children and their wives and husbands are mentioned.

Letters testamentary on the estate of John Fitzgerald, dec'd., were granted on April 18, 1810. Said will is recorded in the Office of the Registrar of Wills at Norristown, Pa., in Will Book No. 3, p. 206, the original will being File No. 1915.

Excerpt from Will of John Fitzgerald dated November 25, 1809, probated April 18, 1810:

"I, John Fitzgerald, of Worcester Township, in the County of Montgomery, in the State of Pennsylvania, Yeoman, being advanced in years and in an infirm state of health, but of a sound and disposing mind, memory, and understanding."

He mentions his "loving wife Rosanna," his sons, John and James, to have the farm and to provide for their mother during her life and to pay their brothers and sisters $20 each, namely Peter, Elizabeth, Matthias, Barbara, Sofia. Executors, sons Peter and John. Witnesses, Cornelius Tyson and William Bacteruh [?]

In a book of German sermons published in 1763 there is written some family data, evidently by Peter Wentz, the second. On a separate sheet of paper in this same book John Fitzgerald has written in German:

"God grant it.

In the year of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ 1779, I, John Fitzgerald, and Rosina Wentz have entered the state of holy matrimony on August 9. May God give us his blessing in all our actions.

In 1780 a son was born to us on April 8. His name shall be PETER.

In 1781 a daughter was born to us on October 3, whose name shall be ELIZABETH.

In 1783 a son was born to us on November 3. His name shall be called WILLIAM.

In 1786 a son was born to us on July 9. His name shall be MATTHIAS.

In 1788 on September 28, a daughter was born to us. Her name shall be BARBARA.

In 1791 on July 4, a son was born to us. His name shall be JOHN.

In 1793 on February 21 a son was born to us at one thirty.

In 1795 on March 21, a daughter was born to us. Her name shall be SOFIA."

In the birth record in the Book of German Sermons by Peter Wentz the child born at one thirty was named James.

John Fitzgerald's marriage license, sent from Washington, D. C., reads:

"Lectori Bene Oh Salutem

I do hereby certify that John Fitzgerald of Worcester Township, Philadelphia Co., Bachelor, and Rosina Wentz, Spinster, of said place were lawfully bound together in matrimony on the 21st day of August, in the year seventeen hundred and seventy nine.

[Signed] Michael Schlotter.

Given in Germantown Township, Phila. Co., Penna."

Children of ABRAHAM and MARY WENTZ

ABRAHAM WENTZ,[3] captain, son of Abraham and Mary Wentz,[2] Peter.[1] b. circa 1751. d. 1781. Intestate. m. September 15, 1774, Sophia Wentz, his cousin, daughter of Peter and Rosanna Wentz,[2] Peter,[1] at First Baptist Church, Philadelphia. She married secondly Mordecai Jones.

Children of Abraham and Sophia [Wentz] Wentz:

BENJAMIN WENTZ, b. January 11, 1775. d. December 30, 1834. S. p.

JESSE WENTZ, b. September , 1777. d. 1846. m. Sara Wells. Wentz Church record.

ISAIAH WENTZ, b. September , 1777, d. young. Twin of Jesse. Wentz Church record.

ENOCH WENTZ, b. February 2, 1779. Wentz Church record.

MARY WENTZ, d. young.

Benjamin Wentz, son of Abraham, was a private in Captain John Hurst's Company, Montgomery County "Rifle Greens," Col .Thomas Humphrey's 1st Penna. Vol. Regiment. On roll at Camp DuPont November 24, 1814. He died without issue, and is buried in Boehm's Church yard, Blue Bell, Pa.

January 19, 1835. Petition of John Heist and William Wentz, Administrators of Benjamin Wentz, deceased. Setting forth that the

said Benjamin Wentz died Intestate, leaving neither widow nor children, and asking permission of the Court to sell a tract of 38½ acres in Whitpain Township. Court issued the order, and the land was sold to George Heilig for $631.40.

[Montgomery County Orphan's Court, Original No. 19795]

1777, Abraham Wentz was Captain of the 8th Company, Fifth Battalion, Philadelphia County Militia, Pa.

1780, Abraham Wentz was Captain of the 2d Company, Sixth Battalion, Philadelphia County Militia, Pa.

Abraham Wentz kept an inn near Center Square, Whitpain Township, 1779; the old house is still standing, having been built in 1764, and where, for some time, the elections were held.

[Bean's History of Montgomery County, p. 348]

Letters of Administration on the estate of Abraham Wentz were granted November 6, 1781, to Sophia Wentz and John Wentz.

[Philadelphia Admr. Book 1, p. 51, Original Papers 62]

March 10, 1783. Petition to Orphan's Court of Philadelphia by Benjamin, Enoch, Jesse, and Mary Wentz, infant children of Abraham Wentz, deceased, by their mother, Sophia Wentz, asking for appointment of guardians. Court appointed Jacob Wentz, of Worcester, and John Wentz, of Norrington, yeoman. [Docket 12, p. 84]

JESSE WENTZ,[1] son of Abraham and Sophia [Wentz] Wentz,[3] Abraham,[2] Peter.[1] b. September, 1777. [Twin of Isaiah] d. 1846, intestate. m. Sara Wells, daughter of Edward Wells.

Deed, April 1, 1807. William Wells, of Whitpain Township, Montgomery County, Pa., single man, Levi Wells, of Upper Merion, and Eleanor, his wife, Elizabeth Wells, spinster, of Whitpain, Thomas Tomlinson, of same, and Rachel, his wife, Jesse Wentz, of Whitpain, and Sarah, his wife, and Edward Wells, Jr., coheirs of Edward Wells, Sr., late of Whitpain, deceased, to Thomas Conrad, of Whitpain. Recites that Edward Wells died intestate leaving the above named heirs.

[Montgomery County, Pa., Deed Book 25, p. 13]

Deed, April 13, 1825. Jesse Wentz, of Whitpain Township, Montgomery County, Pa., boot and shoe maker, and Sarah, his wife, to Mary Levengood, widow, consideration $1700, 40 acres and a house, purchased by Jesse Wentz May 22, 1819, from James and Elizabeth Buck.

[Montgomery County, Pa., Deed Book 40, p. 601]

Deed, January 1, 1826. Jesse Wentz, of Whitpain Township, and Sarah, his wife, to Sophia Wentz, singlewoman, a lot in Worcester

Township, containing 2 plus acres, which Jesse Wentz received by bequest from Mordecai Jones.

Witnesses: William Wentz and John Huit.

[Montgomery County, Pa., Deed Book 41, p. 448]

Jesse Wentz, of Whitpain, and Thomas Humphrey, of Montgomery Township, were executors of Sophia Jones, widow of Mordecai Jones, late of Whitpain, deceased.

Letters of Administration on estate of Jesse Wentz were granted November 24, 1846, to David Roberts.

Children of Jesse and Sarah [Wells] Wentz [so far as is known]:

SOPHIA WENTZ, b. May 26, 1805. m. Nathan Riale.

Deed, April 8, 1847. William Wentz, of Norriton, and Hannah, his wife, to Benjamin Learfoss, of Whitpain. Whereas, Sophia Wentz, by deed of July 15, 1837, granted an undivided half interest in a messuage and tract of 15 acres in Whitpain to said William Wentz in fee, and whereas Nathan Riale and Sophia, his wife, late Sophia Wentz, by deed of April 23, 1840, granted the other undivided half to said William and now in consideration of $2,375.00 make conveyance as above.

[Montgomery County, Pa., Deeds 69, p. 580]

MORDECAI JONES WENTZ, m. Margaret.

August 17, 1818. Petition of Sophia and Jesse Wentz for a guardian for Mordecai Wentz, who is entitled to a portion of the estate of Mordecai Jones.

[Montgomery County, Pa., Orphans Court, Original 20,574]

January 13, 1823. Petition of Mordecai and Sophia Wentz, children of Jesse Wentz, of Whitpain, minors above the age of 14, Thomas Humphreys, their former guardian, being deceased. [Ibid]

Deed, June 11, 1856. Mordecai J. Wentz, of Norriton, and Margaret, his wife, to John Harman, of same, a property bought April 4, 1853, of William Wentz and wife.

[Montgomery County, Pa., Deeds, 102, p. 446]

WILLIAM WENTZ, b. August 24, 1807, at Center Square, Whitpain Township. d. May 5, 1830. m. 1834, Hannah Levengood, daughter of Joseph and Mary Levengood.

Deed, April 5, 1852. William Wentz, of Norriton Township, innkeeper, and Hannah, his wife, and David Levengood, of Norristown, and Harriet, his wife, to Jesse B. Fisher, of Norristown, in consideration of $4,100, a tract in Norriton [village of Penn Square] purchased from the Administrators of Joseph Thomas.

[Montgomery County, Pa., Deeds 82, p. 417]

William W. Wentz built a large hotel at the intersection of the new and old state roads from Norristown to Center Square, which he operated successfully for a period of six years, when he sold the prop-

erty to Joseph C. Boyer and built himself a mansion across the road on a 55-acre tract which he had reserved.

Children and William W. and Hannah [Levengood] Wentz:

ALFRED WENTZ.[6]
WELLS WENTZ,[6] m. Rebecca Morris, of Delaware County, Pa.
MARY ANN WENTZ,[6] twin of Wells.
ISABELLA WENTZ,[6] m. William H. Baker, postmaster of Belfry Station. She was a graduate of the State Normal School at Millersville, Pa.
JESSE W. WENTZ,[6] m. Mary Bella Preston.
AUGUSTA WENTZ.[6]
DAVID L. WENTZ.[6]
WINFIELD SCOTT WENTZ,[6] m. Emma A. Robbles. They removed to Lampasas, Texas, 1881.
ISADORE WENTZ,[6] m. John Dettera. Children:
HERBERT W. DETTERA,[7]
RENA ESTELLA DETTERA.[7]
WILLIAM HENRY WENTZ.[6]
ANNA WENTZ.[6]

HANNAH WENTZ,[3] daughter of Abraham and Mary Wentz,[2] Peter.[1] b. February 18, 1755. d. May 2, 1825, at Pottstown, Pa. m. October 18, 1774, Hon. Benjamin Markley, son of Abraham and Anna Barbara Markley. b. July 11, 1751, Augustus Evangelical Lutheran or Trappe Church. d. July 10, 1819.

[Biographical History of Montgomery County, p. 595]

Children of Benjamin and Hannah [Wentz] Markley:

JONAH MARKLEY.
MARY MARKLEY.
SARAH MARKLEY, m. General Philip Boyer. Son, Markley Boyer.
ELIZABETH MARKLEY.
REBECCA MARKLEY.
HANNAH MARKLEY.

[For descendants of Hon. Benjamin and Hannah [Wentz] Markley see Dodderer Papers.]

Benjamin Markley was a Revolutionary officer, Captain of 4th Company, Philadelphia County Militia, Pa.

In 1789 he was elected to the House of Representatives in the State Legislature and returned the next election. In

1791 he was appointed an Associate Judge of the Courts of Montgomery County, Pa.

The will of Benjamin Markley, of New Hanover, Montgomery County, Pa., dated February 10, 1819, probated June 20, 1819, mentions wife, Hannah, son, Jonah, daughters, Mary, Sarah, Elizabeth and Rebecca, Hannah Sholl, niece, Anna, grandson, Joshua Markley.

Executors: Jacob Miller, Frederick Conrad, brother, John Markley, and son-in-law, Philip Boyer.

JOHN WENTZ,[3] colonel, son of Abraham and Mary Wentz,[2] Peter.[1] b. November 23, 1759. d. 1817, in Whitpain Township. Buried in Wentz's Reformed churchyard. m. April 14, 1785, Hannah Nanna, daughter of Abraham Nanna.

Children of John and Hannah [Nanna] Wentz:

ABRAHAM WENTZ, b. March 14, 1786. d. September 11, 1870. m. Charlotte Tyson.

GEORGE H. WENTZ, b. January 31, 1788/9. d. March 13, 1833.

ELIZABETH WENTZ, b. June 10, 1790. d. March 13, 1803.

SAMUEL WENTZ, b. October 28, 1792. d. September 11, 1826. m. Elizabeth Hart Humphrey.

DANIEL WENTZ, b. March 25, 1795. d. February 5, 1833.

REBECCA WENTZ, b. August 22, 1797. d. 1889. m. December 5, 1819, Henry Styer, at Germantown Reformed Church, by Rev. Casper Wack. They removed to Maryland.

HILARY WENTZ, b. January 23, 1800. d. August 3, 1832. He was a clock maker of Philadelphia.

[Montgomery County, Pa., Deeds, Vol. 39, pp. 18 and 22]

HANNAH WENTZ, b. March 23, 1802. d. November 7, 1835. m. February 12, 1822, Henry L. Bonsall, at Abington Presbyterian Church. Children:

HENRY BONSALL

BARTRAM BONSALL [Montgomery County Wills 29, p. 25]

ALBERT WENTZ, b. July 23, 1804. d. April 21, 1832. Intestate. Letters of Administration granted February 14, 1833, to Henry Styer.

[Administrations Book O, p. 67. Original Papers 46]

JARED WENTZ, b. July 8, 1807.

November 18, 1822. Petition of Jared Wentz, son of John Wentz, Esq., a minor above the age of 14 years, for a guardian. Cornelius Tyson appointed, but declined. David Styer was appointed April 16, 1823.

LUCAS NANNA WENTZ, b. June, 1810.

The will of Abraham Nanna, of Upper Merion, Montgomery County, Pa., dated May 20, 1805, probated March 7, 1809, mentions son, Reese; granddaughter, Susanna Nanna, daughter of son Reese; daughter Hannah, wife of John Wentz, a farm in tenure of Thomas Lukens and at her death to her children, not named. To daughter Elizabeth, wife of David Conrad, a farm in Merion in tenure of John Tenany containing 60 acres. To daughters, Hannah and Elizabeth, 32 acres of land. Remainder of real estate to grandchildren, children of son, Reese, and daughters, Hannah and Elizabeth. To grandson Abraham Wentz a watch. Remainder of personal estate among three children, Hannah, Reese, and Elizabeth.

Executors: Evan Lewis, John Wentz, John Hughes, Job Pugh.
Witnesses: John Jones and Charles Jones.

[Montgomery County, Pa., Will Book 3, p. 108]

Col. John Wentz was one of the prominent and progressive men of his time. He was a Colonel of Militia, and May 26, 1798, was appointed a Justice of the Peace. His dockets were neatly and accurately kept and might properly serve as a model for like officers of the present day. He joined many couples in wedlock.

His brick tavern, on Skippack Road, known as "Wentz's Inn," having the Rising Sun for a sign, was built in 1764, and is still standing in good condition, its brick walls two stories high having been substantially constructed. In the early days it was the stopping place of the farmers and millers negotiating for the wheat crop.

October 4, 1788, the Sheriff advertised a public sale of a tract of 50 acres at the public house of John Wentz, and it was used as a county meeting place for the nomination of county officials. The general elections were held there from 1831 until 1867.

[History of Montgomery County, pp. 1163, 1175, 1180]

July 13, 1779, John Wentz, when but 20 years of age, was appointed a sub-agent to purchase flour for the French fleet. [Dodderer Papers 2515, p. 231]. June 19, 1793, John Wentz, Esq., was elected Lieut. Col. Commandant. [Pennsylvania Archives, Sixth Series, Vol. V, p. 409]. October 25, 1793, John Wentz, Lieut. Col., First Regiment, Montgomery [County] Militia. [Ibid., Vol. IV, p. 304].

June 23, 1798, when war between the United States

and France was imminent, Governor Mifflin addressed a circular letter to the Brigade Commanders and the "Reply of the Brigadier General and Officers of Montgomery County," who met at the house of Col. John Wentz, dated as above, stated: "We would rather resign our existence than our Liberty and Independence."

Deed, June 1, 1812. John Wentz, of Whitpain, and Hannah, his wife, late Hannah Nanna, and Elizabeth Conrad, late Nanna, of Lower Merion, widow, to Benjamin Brooke, Esq., of Upper Merion.

[Montgomery County, Pa., Deeds 27, p. 708]

Deed, April 4, 1814. John Wentz, of Whitpain, and Hannah, his wife, to Abraham Wentz, Inkeeper, their son, a brick tavern and two tracts of land on Skippack road, consideration $5853.33, which George Wentz and Elizabeth, his wife, by deed of June 8, 1795, granted to John Wentz in fee.

[Montgomery County, Pa., Deeds, Vol. 32, p. 307]

The will of John Wentz, of Whitpain Township, Montgomery County, Pa., dated May 1, 1817, probated March 28, 1818, mentions wife, Hannah, to have the farm, household goods, $200 in cash, and $180 annually, exclusive of the rents and profits arising out of the plantation left us by her father, Abraham Nanna. To son, George Wentz, $100. To son, Samuel, $150. Other children mentioned: Abraham, Daniel, Rebecca, Hilary, Hannah, Albert, Jared, and Lucas Nanna. Wife to be guardian of minor children.

Executors: Sons, Abraham, George, Samuel, Daniel.

Witnesses: Henry Hurst and Jacob Hurst.

[Montgomery County, Pa., Wills, Vol. 5, p. 41]

Deed, February 10, 1819. Abraham Wentz, George Wentz, Samuel Wentz, and Daniel Wentz, Executors of John Wentz, Esq., of Whitpain Township, to Jacob Hoover, of Gwynedd, a lot in Gwynedd containing 5 2/4 acres, purchased by John Wentz, Esq., of Nathan Roberts and Margaret, his wife.

[Montgomery County, Pa., Deeds 35, p. 511]

The settlement of the estate of John Wentz, Esquire, by his executors shows he died possessed of an estate of $25,972.68: the mansion house having been sold to J. Tyson for $3400; lands to Jesse Fitzgerald $8120, and to James Buck $3341; inventory of personal estate, $8187; book accounts, crops, and miscellaneous goods making up the balance.

Deed, January 9, 1834. Abraham Wentz, of Whitpain, and Charlotte, his wife, Henry Styre, of Philadelphia, Henry Bonsall, of Philadelphia, Merchant, and Hannah, his wife, Jared and Lucas Wentz, both of Armstrong County, Pa., by their attorney, Abraham Wentz, above mentioned, to Daniel Gilbert, of Gwynedd. Recites: Abraham Nanna's

will and bequest to his daughter, Hannah, wife of John Wentz, Esquire, and at her death to her children. Said Hannah having since deceased leaving ten children, of whom five are yet living; viz., Abraham, Rebecca, intermarried with Henry Styre, Hannah, intermarried with Henry Bonsall, Jared, and Lucas. The Sheriff sold two tenths, the shares of Samuel and Hilary Wentz, deceased, to Henry Bonsall, etc. Property conveyed, a tract of 77 acres.

GEORGE WENTZ,[3] son of Abraham and Mary Wentz,[2] Peter.[1] b. circa. 1763. [Under 21 years in 1783—Orphan's Court Docket 12, p. 89] Will dated 1843, probated 1848. m. 1st, 1786, Elizabeth Dillworth, daughter of Jacob Dillworth. Married by Rev. Michael Schlatter. m. 2d, between 1806 and 1811, Hannah, widow of Jacob Megarel, of Abington. She d. September, 1849. October 2, 1806, Jacob Megarel, of Abington, having died intestate, letters of administration were granted to Hannah Megarel and George Wentz.

Children of George and Elizabeth [Dillworth] Wentz:

DILLWORTH WENTZ, m. Hannah ———.

JOHN D. WENTZ, m. Elizabeth ———.

MARY WENTZ, b. circa 1793 [prior to 1796]. m. John Felton. He was the trustee of the property granted by Jonah Wentz to his brother and sister-in-law, Jacob and Hannah Wentz.

Children of John and Mary [Wentz] Felton:

SAMUEL and JACOB FELTON.

SARAH WENTZ. b. prior to 1796. m. Nicholas Brouse, of Oxford Township.

GEORGE W. WENTZ, b. prior to 1796. d. 1849. m. Mary Ann Kulp.

JACOB WENTZ, m. Hannah [Kulp?]

JONAH WENTZ, b. March 23, 1801. d. October 29, 1901. m. Tacy Kulp.

ISRAEL K. WENTZ.

Deed, June 8, 1795. George Wentz, of Bristol, and Elizabeth, his wife, to John Wentz, of Whitpain, Innholder, in consideration of £165 gold, a tract of 16½ acres, being part of some property which John Wentz, party hereto, and Hannah, his wife, by deed of November 1, 1787, granted to George Wentz in fee.

[Montgomery County, Pa., Deeds Vol. 8, p. 399]

Deed, March 9, 1796. George Wentz, of Bristol Township, Philadelphia County, and Elizabeth, his wife, to Charles Dewees, of Springfield Township, Montgomery Couny, in consideration of £563 gold, one full and undivided moietry [half] in a messuage, paper mill and land

thereunto belonging, situated in Bristol and Northern Liberties Townships, Philadelphia County, adjoining Benjamin and Sarah Blackledge's allotment, Busby's mill road, Wissahickon Creek, and John Leadlie, containing 12½ acres, another tract containing ¾ of an acre, and a third tract containing 2 plus acres.

Witnesses: John and Wm. Huston.

(Philadelphia Deeds G. W. C. 74, p. 273)

February 12, 1810. Petition of Mary, Sarah, and George Wentz, Jr., children of George Wentz and Elizabeth, his wife, late Elizabeth Dillworth, and grandchildren of Jacob Dillworth, deceased. Sets forth that the petitioners' mother died leaving their said grandfather, Jacob Dillworth, who is since deceased intestate. And whereas your petitioners are entitled to a part of their said grandfather's estate, and that your petitioners are minors above the age of 14 years, and asking for a guardian.

Mary and George Wentz sign, Sarah by mark.

(Montgomery County, Pa., Orphan's Court, Original 20087)

Deed, April 11, 1811. George Wentz, of Bristol Township, Farmer, and Hannah, his wife, to Edward Gouge, in consideration of $[illegible], tract of land in Bristol Township, adjoining land of John Wharteney, James McVaugh, James Doughby on Tacony Creek, Jacob Dilworth, John Dewees, containing 18½ acres acquired from the estate of Jacob Dilworth by order of Orphan's Court.

Witnesses: John Wentz
Isaac Wampole

Signed: George Wentz
Hannah

(Philadelphia Deeds I. C. 17, p. [illegible])

Deed, May 30, 1818. George Wentz, of Bristol Township, and Hannah, his wife, to George W. Wentz, of same, Farmer. Whereas divers persons, members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, are anxious to have a place of worship for that society or congregation established in Bristol Township, grant from George and Hannah Wentz, in trust, to reconvey the same to the trustees of said congregation, and in consideration of $1.00 and other consideration thence moving, make conveyance. Being part of a tract bought from Evan Owen and Deborah, his wife, and Dilworth Wentz.

Witnesses: Silas Wilson
Sybilla P. Wilson

(Philadelphia Deeds M. R. 13, p. [illegible])

Will of George Wentz, of Bristol Township, dated December 11, 1841, to be buried in family burying ground adjoining St. James meeting house, mentions wife Ann (Hannah) to have all the possessions she brought with her at our marriage, also a house and lot and an annuity of $[illegible]. Eight children: viz., Dillworth, John D., Mary Felton, Sarah Brouse, George W., Jacob, Jonah, and Israel K. Wentz.

I will and bequeath to my children a burial ground for them and their posterity, now enclosed on west side of St. James meeting house, beginning at the road leading from Frankford to Germantown, southeast corner, thence along the west side of the meeting house to the northeast corner 83 ft., from thence to northwest corner 46 ft., from thence to southwest corner 83 ft., and from thence to place of beginning 46 ft.

Executors: Dilworth Wentz
John D. Wentz
Jonah Wentz

Codicil dated January 6, 1845, revokes legacy to son, George Wentz, whose share is placed in trust with son, Jonah, and to pay said George Wentz interest thereon, so that the said legacy shall not be liable for any debts contracted by him, and if said son, George Wentz's, wife shall survive him, she is to have the income.

[Philadelphia Wills, Vol. 21, p. 208]

Deed, February 4, 1850. John D. Wentz and Jonah Wentz, executors of will of George Wentz, late of Bristol Township, Philadelphia County, dated December 11, 1843, probated November 14, 1848, containing a clause that after his wife's death or marriage that a house and lot are to be sold and the proceeds thereof divided among his eight children, and Deborah Wentz to be executor thereof; and whereas the said Deborah died in the lifetime of said testator and letters testamentary were granted unto John D. and Jonah Wentz, and that the wife of said testator died in September, 1849, and was seized of a house and lot in Philadelphia adjoining land left by Georgee Wentz for a family burial ground, being part of the land which Evan Owen and wife and Dilworth Wentz, by deed of April 10, 1811 [I. C. 31, p. 592] conveyed to said George Wentz, but as no power was given the executors to sell, application was made to the Orphan's Court, December 7, 1849, to grant an order to sell the same, which was accordingly done.

[Philadelphia Deeds, G. W. C. 38]

One Deborah Wentz m. Evan Owen. She d. between 1843 and 1848.

V

Descendants of

ISAAC WENTZ

Son of John, Peter, Peter, the Immigrant

ISAAC WENTZ[1], son of John and Susanna [Dickensheed] Wentz,[3] Peter,[2] Peter.[1] b. March 21, 1771. d. August 3, 1816. Intestate. [Tombstone in cemetery of Upper Octorara Presbyterian Church, near Parkesburg, Pa.] m. January 24, 1797, Mary Kinkead, daughter of Charles and Hannah [Ramsey?] Kinkead, of Sadsbury, Chester County, Pa. b. June 28, 1771. d. April 21, 1830. Intestate. Buried in Upper Octorara Presbyterian churchyard.

Children of Isaac and Mary [Kinkead] Wentz:

SAMUEL R. WENTZ, b. May 12, 1803. d. March 30, 1833.

JEREMIAH M. WENTZ, b. circa 1806. d. April 6, 1854. m. Phoebe DuBree.

GEORGE GROFF WENTZ, b. May 12, 1808. d. March 10 1881. m. Ann Jane McIntire.

ISAAC WENTZ, baptized July 14, 1811.

JOHN THOMAS WENTZ, b. 1814. d. July 31, 1848. m. Ann Amanda Andrews.

HANNAH M. WENTZ, baptized October 1, 1815. m. John Craver.

CHARLES WENTZ, d. circa 1850. m. Eliza ——————.

The **KINKEAD** [variously spelled Kinkaid, Kincaid, etc.] family was settled in Sadsbury Township, Chester [now Lancaster] County, Pa., prior to the Revolutionary War, and, as the name suggests, probably came from Ireland. Most of the settlers at Sadsbury were of Scotch-Irish ancestry.

The first of the name met with in a rather hasty search was JOHN KINKEAD, who left a will, of which the following is an abstract:

Will of John Kinkead of Sadsbury, dated November 29, 1770, probated November 29, 1771. Provides for wife, Mary. To son, Charles, all real estate, paying legacies. To sons, David, John, and Samuel, $20 each. To four sons-in-law, Adam Hope, Thomas Kilpatrick, John

Simrall, and Josiah Crawford, $12 each. To son, James, $50.

Executors: Sons, David and John Kinkead.

Letters to John.

[Chester Co., Pa., Wills, p. 407]

CHARLES KINKEAD, of Sadsbury, son of John and Mary Kinkead. d. December 29, 1782, intestate. Buried in Upper Octorara Presbyterian churchyard. m. Hannah [Ramsey?]. c. Mary, Hannah, Jane. Jane departed this life June 12, 1849 [George Groff Wentz bible].

Charles Kinkead took a grant of 200 acres, December 10, 1745.

Letters of administration on the estate of Charles Kinkead, of Sadsbury, Chester County, Pa., were issued January 17, 1783, to Hannah Kinkead, his widow, and John Ramsey (perhaps his wife's brother).

[Chester County, Pa., Administrations]

Hannah Kinkead is mentioned in the following will:

Will of Bryan McCune of West Caln Township, Chester County, Pa., dated April 22, 1802, probated January 17, 1803. To be buried in Brandywine graveyard and head and foot stones to be placed on grave. To Jennet, wife of William Hunter, Esquire, and their children, David, Sarah, Nancy, Polly, and Jennet. To Hannah Kincaid and her three daughters, Mary, Hannah, and Jane. To William Neely, Sr., and his wife, Margaret, and their children, James, Hannah, Margaret, Rebecca, and Mary. To Mary Allen, daughter of James Thompson. To Samuel Neely. To Robert Neely. To Edward McCune. One half of my estate if applied for within three years.

Executors: William Neely and his son, James, and David Hunter

Witnesses: Hugh Jordan and John Neely

[Chester County, Pa., Wills]

Patent, December 10, 1745. Charles Kinkead, of Sadsbury Township, Chester County, Pa., was granted 200 acres and allowance of six per cent for roads, etc., under the hands and seals of John Penn, Thomas Penn, and Richard Penn, Esquires, absolute Proprietors of the State of Pennsylvania. Recorded in the office for recording deeds for the County and City of Philadelphia.

[Patent Book A, Vol. 15, p. 273]

Deed of Partition, June 13, 1801. Hannah and Jane Kinkead to Isaac Wentz. Isaac Wentz and Mary, his wife, of the first part; Hannah Kinkead, of the second part; and Jane Kinkead, of the third part; all of Sadsbury Township, Chester County, Pa.

Whereas, Charles Kinkead, late father of the said Mary, Hannah, and Jane, died possessed of 200 acres and left no male heir or will, his land descended unto his daughters and daughter's husband. This deed witnesseth that they made a partition of the above mentioned tract of

land, Isaac Wentz to have a messuage of 88 acres and 130 perches, adjoining land of James Cowan, John Fleming, Jane Kinkead, and John Gilbert.

[Chester County Deed Book T-2, Vol. 43, p. 771]

Deed, June 30, 1801. Tripartite. Concerns the division of Charles Kinkead's land by his three daughters.

[Deed Book V, Vol. 2, p. 105]

An adjoining deed [Ibid., p. 108], also one in Book D, Vol. 3, p. 208, has to do with this same division of land.

Isaac Wentz lived in Sadsbury, Chester County, Pa., evidently moving there after 1790, for we do not find him subscribing to the rebuilding of the graveyard wall in 1790, while Hannah Kinkead did. In 1799, he was a member of the Upper Octorara Presbyterian Church, Sadsbury Township, Chester County, Pa.

"In September, 1799, the Presbytery met at Upper Octorara, with a view of endeavoring to heal the dissensions in the congregation, and after a conference with the respective parties, happily succeeded in their object. The following paper was adopted and signed by seventy-one members of the church, including all the heads of families." The paper follows. Among the signers are "Hannah Kinkead" and "Isaac Wentz."

[J. Smith Futhey, Esq., History of Upper Octorara Church, 1720-1870, Philadelphia, Henry B. Ashmead, 1870, pp. 96-99]

"Names of pew-holders given on a draft of the old church. Date not known, but some time in the last [18th] century." Among which are "Isaac Wentz" and "Hannah Kinkead." [Ibid., p. 153]

"List of subscribers to rebuilding of graveyard wall in 1790," among which is "Hannah Kinkead." No mention of Isaac Wentz.

[Ibid., p. 154]

From "List of persons buried in Upper Octorara graveyard, . . . So far as the same can be ascertained":

"Charles Kinkead, d. December 29, 1782, age 45 years [Or 75 years?]

"Hannah Kinkead, d. 1835. [Ibid., p. 170]

"Isaac Wentz, d. August 3, 1816, age 45 years, 4 months, 12 days.

"Charles Wentz, d. December 31, 1827, age 1 year, 7 months.

"Mary Wentz, d. April 21, 1830, age 58 years, 9 months, 23 days.

"Mary Jane Wentz, d. July 3, 1873,* age 9 years, 6 months, 23 days.

"Susanna R. Wentz, d. July 3, 1837, age 4 years, 7 months.

"Sarah B. Wentz, d. November 18, 1838, age 8 years, 9 months, 15 days.

"Samuel R. Werntz** d. May 30, 1833, age 29 years, 10 months, 18 days.

"Jeremiah Werntz,** d. April 6, 1854, age 48 years.

[Ibid., pp. 182-183]

Errata: *1873 should be 1837; **Werntz should be Wentz. These corrections are made from the tombstones in the above named graveyard.

No Wentz shows as a church member in 1870.

Register of baptisms, Upper Octorara Church:

July 14, 1811, Isaac Wentz
October 1, 1815, Hannah Wentz

Hannah Kinkead, Hannah Kinkead, Jr., and Jane Kinkead were communicants, 1813, Upper Octorara Presbyterian Church.

I, Helen Wentz, visited the cemetery of Upper Octorara Presbyterian Church, near Parkesburg, Pa., 1926, and saw among those of other kindred, the graves of my ancestors, Charles Kinkead, Isaac Wentz, and Mary Wentz.

Inscriptions on Tombstones in cemetery of Upper Octorara Presbyterian Church, Chester County, Pennsylvania

Copied by Helen Wentz, 1926

In memory of Isaac Wentz
born March 21, A. D. 1771
died August 3, A. D. 1816
Aged 45 years, 4 months, and 12 days

In memory of Mary Wentz
consort of Isaac Wentz
born June 28, A. D. 1771
died April 21, A. D. 1830
Aged 58 years, 9 months, and 23 days.

In memory of Charles Kinkead
who departed this life Dec. 29, 1782
Aged 45 years [Or 75 years?]

In memory of Jane Kinkead
who departed this life June 12, A. D. 1849
Aged about [?] 70 years

In memory of Samuel R. Wentz
Son of Isaac and Mary Wentz
born May 12, A. D. 1803
died March 30, 18383
Aged 29 years, 10 months, and 18 days

Jeremiah M. Wentz
died April 6, 1854, aged 48

Amos Ramsay
died April 18, 1891
In the 56 year of his age

Hannah Jane Wentz
wife of Amos Ramsay
born August 3, 1846
died December 21, 1908

The three following inscriptions were on separate faces of the same obelisk:

Hannah C. Wentz
B Feby. 4, 1830 D March 17, 1883

John C. Walton
B July 5, 1809 D June 16, 1868

Celinda Walton
B October 27, 1793 D July 18, 1878

Isaac Wentz built a stone house at Coatesville, Pa., on which was carved "Isaac and Mary Wentz. 1810." Later his eldest son, John Thomas Wentz, lived in this house and here his three children were born. Still later John Thomas Wentz's only daughter, Jane [Mrs. Thomas Martin], married and lived here. When Coatesville grew, this old stone house was torn down to make room for business houses.

Letters of Administration on the estate of Isaac Wentz, of Sadsbury, were granted September 3, 1816, to his widow Mary.

[Chester County Adm. Book C, pp. 76]

Mary Wentz, widow of Isaac Wentz, also died intestate, and Letters of Administration were granted June 8, 1830, to her sons, John T. Wentz and Samuel R. Wentz.

[Chester County Adm. Book D, p. 210]

Children of ISAAC and MARY [KINKEAD] WENTZ]

SAMUEL R. WENTZ,[5] son of Isaac and Mary [Kinkead] Wentz,[4] John,[3] Peter,[2] Peter.[1] b. May 12, 1803. d. March 30, 1833, aged 29 years, 10 mos., and 18 days. [Tombstone, Upper Octorara Churchyard, near Parkesburg, Pa.] Children of Samuel R. Wentz:

HANNAH C. WENTZ [letter from her cousin, Hannah [Wentz] Ramsay] And probably the following, who are all buried in Upper Octorara churchyard and whose births indicate that they were the children of Samuel who died 1833:

CHARLES WENTZ, b. 1826. d. December 31, 1827, age 1 year, 7 months.

MARY JANE WENTZ, b. 1828. d. July 3, 1837, age 9 years, 6 months, 23 days

SARAH B. WENTZ, b. 1830. d. November 18, 1838, age 8 years, 9 months, 15 days

SUSANNA R. WENTZ, b. 1832. d. July 3, 1837, age 4 years, 7 months

Samuel R. Wentz was a Presbyterian.

Letters of Administration were granted to John T. Wentz and Samuel R. Wentz on the property of their mother, Mary Kinkead Wentz, who died intestate.

[Chester County Administration Book D, p. 210]

Samuel R. Wentz died intestate. Letters of Administration were granted April 17, 1833, to his brother John T. Wentz.

[Chester County Administration Book D, p. 263]

JEREMIAH [JERRY] M. WENTZ,[5] son of Isaac and Mary [Kinkead] Wentz,[4] John,[3] Peter,[2] Peter.[1] b. 1806. d. April 6, 1854, aged 48. [Tombstone, Upper Octorara Churchyard, near Parkesburg, Pa.] m. Phoebe DuBree, who died January 24, 1878. Jerry Wentz was a millwright and made millstones; he made some, if not all, of the millstones for Wentz's Mill on Muddy Run, near Bethesda, Lancaster County, Pa. He was a member of the Upper Octorara Presbyterian Church, near Parkesburg, Pa.

They had one child: HANNAH JANE WENTZ.

HANNAH JANE WENTZ,[6] daughter of Jeremiah and Phoebe [DuBree] Wentz,[5] Isaac,[4] John,[3] Peter,[2] Peter.[1] b. August 3, 1846. d. December 21, 1908. Interment in Upper Octorara Cemetery near Parkesburg, Pa. [Tombstone]

m. 1882, Amos Ramsay, d. April 18, 1891, in the 56th year of his age; son of John Ramsay, distantly related to the Wentzes. He lived between Sadsburyville and Parkesburg, Pa. Hannah Jane Wentz taught school and later sewed In her later life she lived at 225 Strausburg Avenue, Parkesburg, Pa.

GEORGE GROFF WENTZ,[5] son of Isaac and Mary [Kinkead]Wentz,[4] John,[3] Peter,[2] Peter.[1] b. May 12, 1808 [His family bible]. d. March 10, 1881. m. January 20, 1831, Ann Jane McIntire, b. October 18, 1809, d. August 29, 1885, daughter of Robert and Elisabeth McIntire. Children of George Groff and Ann Jane [McIntire] Wentz, as given in their family bible:

MARY ELIZABETH WENTZ. She married Charles Wilson.
ROBERT McINTIRE WENTZ.
ISAAC CALDWELL WENTZ.
GEORGE GROFF WENTZ, JR. Married Emma Cracraft, of Ottawa City, Md. Issue: Jessie and two others. He lived at Salmon City, Idaho. Jessie married a McBride, and kept the Elite Hat Shop, 63 West Broadway, Butte, Montana.
CHARLES OSCAR CLAY WENTZ. Married Sarah R. Cavna, of Philadelphia, Pa.
JAMES PORTER McWILLIAMS WENTZ. Never married. Lived in Smith River, California.
EMMA JANE WENTZ. Married H. Monroe Day.
ALREENA HANNAH WENTZ.

George Groff Wentz at one time was an inkeeper at Chestnut Level, Lancaster County, Pa. The inn was the old stone house now [1938] occupied by Edgar Brown. He afterward went West, his family settling in Colorado.

EMMA JANE WENTZ,[6] daughter of George Groff and Anna Jane [McIntire] Wentz,[5] Isaac,[4] John,[3] Peter,[2] Peter.[1] b. December 4, 1848, at 6 o'clock in the morning, in Port Deposit, Cecil County, Md. m. December 29, 1870, H. Monroe Day, in Marseilles, Illinois. Children of H. Monroe and Emma Jane [Wentz] Day:

CLARENCE WENTZ DAY, b. February 11, 1877. m. December 28, 1898, Mary Silver. She died December 27, 1928. No children. He has a large thoroughbred cattle and horse ranch.

EFFIE LOUISE DAY, b. February 10, 1879. m. 1st, Sanders, 2d, Booth.

HARRY PORTER DAY, b. July 17, 1890. Druggist. m. September 18, 1916, Helen Wheat. No children.

EFFIE LOUISE DAY,[7] daughter of H. Monroe and Emma Jane [Wentz] Day,[6] George Groff Wentz,[5] Isaac,[4] John,[3] Peter,[2] Peter.[1] b. February 10, 1879. m. 1st, January 2, 1900, Joseph Malroy Sanders, who died May 12, 1912. m. 2d, May 5, 1927, Walter C. Booth. They live in Sterling, Colorado.

Son of Joseph Malroy and Effie Louise [Day] Sanders:

BERNICE DAY SANDERS, b. September 7, 1902. m. July 16, 1928, Ethel Miles.

LEAVES FROM THE FAMILY BIBLE OF GEORGE GROFF WENTZ

[Bible published, 1833, by B. Waugh & T. Mason, for the Methodist Episcopal Church. Loaned to Helen Wentz, Lake Charles, La., and copied by her in 1926. This old family bible is [1939] in possession of his daughter, Mrs. H. M. [Emma Jane Wentz] Day, of Sterling, Colorado.]

Marriages

"GEORGE GROFF WENTZ was married to Ann Jane McIntire, January 20, 1831.

MARY ELISABETH WENTZ was married to Charles Wilson, September 21, 185[5].

ISAAC WENTZ was married to Hannah Reed, June 21, 1866.

GEORGE G. WENTZ, JR., was married to Emma Cracraft, of Ottawa City, Md., January 18, 1870.

EMMA JANE WENTZ joined hands in marriage with H. Monroe Day on the 29th of December, 1870, in Marseilles, Illinois.

CHARLES OSCAR C. WENTZ, son of George and Ann Jane Wentz, was married to Sarah R. Cavna, of Philadelphia, Pa., April 8, 1875.

Births

GEORGE GROFF WENTZ was born May 12, 1808.

ANN JANE WENTZ was born October 18, 1809.

MARY ELIZABETH WENTZ, daughter of George and Ann Jane Wentz, was born February 5, 1832.

ROBERT McINTIRE WENTZ, son of George and Ann Jane Wentz, was born April 28, 1834.

ISAAC CALDWELL WENTZ, son of George and Ann Jane Wentz, was born February 24, 1836.

GEORGE GROFF WENTZ, son of George and Ann Jane Wentz, was born March 6, 1839.

CHARLES OSCAR CLAY WENTZ, son of George and Ann Jane Wentz, was born June 5, 1842.

JAMES PORTER McWILLIAMS WENTZ, son of George and Ann Jane Wentz, was born at Mt. Pleasant, Cecil Co., Md., on the 9th of January, 1845, at 7 o'clock in the morning.

EMMA JANE WENTZ, daughter of George and Ann Jane Wentz, was born in Port Deposit, December 4, 1848, at 6 o'clock in the morning, Cecil County, Maryland.

ADREENNA HANNAH WENTZ, daughter of George G. Wentz and Ann Jane Wentz, was born in Illinois, August 31, 1852.

Deaths

CHARLES OSCAR C. WENTZ, son of George and Ann Jane Wentz, departed this life April 25, 1875, aged 32 years, 10 months, and 20 days.

MARY ELISABETH WILSON, daughter of George and Ann Jane Wentz, departed this life July 24, 1855, aged 23 years, 5 months, and nineteen days, also her infant aged 2 days.

ADREENNA HANNAH, daughter of George and Ann Jane Wentz, departed this life October 20, 1857, aged 5 years, one month and twenty days.

ROBERT McINTIRE WENTZ, son of George and Ann Jane Wentz, departed this life April 14, 1861, aged 27 years, and 15 days.

Parent

ROBERT McINTIRE was married to Elisabeth Derham, January 27, 1807. Robert McIntire departed this life in the 70th year of his age, February 19, 1844. He was taken in the eldership in Brandywine Church in the year of 1835 and remained in that capacity till his death with the greatest satisfaction and of enjoyment of piety and religion.

ELISABETH McINTIRE departed this life the 22nd of August, 1850.

ISAAC WENTZ, parent, departed this life August 3, 1816.

MARY WENTZ, parent, departed this life April 21, 1830.

Aunt JANE KINKAID departed this life June 12, 1849.

ISAAC WENTZ and Mary Kinkaid were married January 24, 1797."

ISAAC WENTZ,[5] son of Isaac and Mary [Kinkead] Wentz,[4] John,[3] Peter,[2] Peter.[1] Baptized July 14, 1811. [Register of baptisms, Upper Octorara Church, near Parkesburg, Pa.

Children of Isaac Wentz:

JAMES, CECELIA [both living in 1904], and three others. Cecelia married a Mr. Clark.

[Letter written by Hannah Wentz Ramsay]

JOHN THOMAS WENTZ,[5] son of Isaac and Mary [Kinkead] Wentz,[4] John,[3] Peter,[2] Peter.[1] b. 1814. d. July 31, 1848. m. March 2, 1841, Ann Amanda Andrews, of Chester County, Pa. b. July 12, 1816. d. December 6, 1848. Eldest daughter of Arthur Andrews III, and his first wife, Jane [Andrews] Andrews, who lived near Oxford, Pa. Arthur Andrews was an elder in the Oxford Presbyterian Church and a justice of the peace. He had the first carriage in his community, with racks on the back of the seat to carry guns.

Children of John Thomas and Ann Amanda [Andrews] Wentz:

CHARLES KINKAID WENTZ, b. February 28, 1842. d. September 18, 1863.

MARY JANE WENTZ, b. July 8, 1844. d. June 5, 1915. m. Thomas Martin.

ARTHUR ANDREWS WENTZ, b. October 8, 1846. d. July 17, 1922. m. Clarissa Pardy Blackman.

John T. Wentz was a carriage builder. He lived at Coatesville, Chester County, Pa., in a stone house that has since been torn down. His three children were born there.

The records of the Presbyterian Church of Coatesville, Pa., show that Thomas Wentz was received by examination April, 1840, and died July 31, 1848. Below the name of Thomas Wentz there is added in another handwriting the name of Amanda Wentz, but there is no record concerning her admission to the church or any other detail.

John T. Wentz and Samuel R. Wentz were granted Letters of Administration on the estate of their mother, Mary Kinkead Wentz, 1830.

[Chester County Administration Book D, p. 210]

Letters of Administration were granted John T. Wentz, April 17, 1833, on the estate of his brother, Samuel R. Wentz.

[Chester County Administration Book D, p. 263]

Deed, March 30, 1835. John T. Wentz, of Sadsbury Township, Chester County, Pa., coachman, in consideration of $200, bought of John Forsythe, Jr., of the Township of West Goshen, and wife et al., half an acre of land with appurtenances, situate in Sadsbury Township on the turnpike road. Recorded September 25, 1838.

[Chester County Deed Book Q-4, Vol. 88, p. 191]

Deed, September 6, 1838. John T. Wentz, of Sadsbury Township, Chester County, Pa., coachmaker, sold to William Dripps, of Sadsbury Township, Lancaster County, Pa., in consideration of $325, piece of land situated in Sadsbury Township [same as John T. Wentz bought March 30, 1835]. Recorded September 25, 1838.

[Chester County Deed Book Q-4, Vol. 88, p. 193]

John T. Wentz died when his youngest child, Arthur, was a year or two old. His wife took her three small children back to her father's home and soon died. The three children were reared by their grandfather, Arthur Andrews, 3d, and his family, who lived on a farm near Oxford, Chester County, Pa.

John T. Wentz, of Sadsbury, died intestate and Letters of Administration were granted August 24, 1848, to Arthur Andrews.

[Chester County Administration Book]

Charles K., Mary Jane, Arthur A. Wentz, minors. Upon petition of said minor children of John T. Wentz, late of the Township of Sadsbury, deceased, under the age of 14 years, by their grandfather, Arthur

Andrews, January 30, 1850, the Court appointed David Andrews guardian, with Arthur Andrews as security.

[Chester County Orphans Court, Docket 20, No. 631. January, 1850, term.]

"The Account of David Andrews, Guardian of Arthur A. Wentz, a minor child of John T. Wentz, late of Sadsbury Township, Chester County, State of Pennsylvania, deceased" [the original of which is [1938] in the possession of Helen Wentz, daughter of said Arthur A. Wentz] shows that John T. Wentz [or possibly his wife] left real estate that sold for $6500.64 net proceeds, which, in addition to cattle and other property, totaled $13,984.28 in 1866.

[Original Document]

CHARLES KINKAID WENTZ,[6] son of John Thomas and Ann Amanda [Andrews] Wentz,[5] Isaac,[4] John,[3] Peter,[2] Peter.[1] b. February 28, 1842, in Pennsylvania. d. September 18, 1863. Unmarried.

Charles K. Wentz enlisted in the Union Army in the 97th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and died in service of camp fever at Charleston, S. C. His body lies in the Beaufort National Cemetery, Section No. 37, Grave No. 58, at Florence, S. C. Photographs of his grave and the cemetery were sent to his brother, Arthur Andrews Wentz, who also received Charles' watch, one of the ancient chain drive, key wind type, with Thomas Summerville, Liverpool, engraved on the watch movement. A photograph of Charles, in soldier uniform, was in possession of Clifford Wentz, 1933.

MARY JANE WENTZ,[6] daughter of John Thomas and Ann Amanda [Andrews] Wentz,[5] Isaac,[4] John,[3] Peter,[2] Peter.[1] b. July 8, 1844, in Pennsylvania. d. June 5, 1915, in Maryville, Mo. Presbyterian. m. January 13, 1864, Thomas Martin, of Coatesville, Pa., where they lived for a while, later moving to Maryville, Mo.

Children of Thomas and Mary Jane [Wentz] Martin:

CHARLES WENTZ MARTIN, Born October 29, 1864. m. Nettie B. Aimes.

HARRY CLARK MARTIN, b. October 6, 1868. m. December 26, 1891, Effie Woodburn, Nodaway County, Mo. No children

NORA REBECCA MARTIN, b. December 21, 1870. d. March 2, 1913. m. Eugene Willet.

FRANCES A. MARTIN, b. September 12, 1873. d. July 31, 1874.

THOMAS C. MARTIN, b. December 4, 1875. d. November 25, 1876.
JAMES E. MARTIN, b. October 6, 1876. d. October 7, 1876.
MARY LETITIA MARTIN, b. June 9, 1878. m. 1st, June 16, 1902, Frank T. Henry. m. 2d, George S. Lawrence.
EDWIN THOMAS MARTIN, b. June 9, 1882. d. 1929. m Pearl Stahl.

CHARLES WENTZ MARTIN,[7] son of Thomas and Mary Jane [Wentz] Martin,[6] John Thomas Wentz,[5] Isaac,[4] John,[3] Peter,[2] Peter.[1] b. October 29, 1864, Coatesville, Pa. m. January 28, 1891, Nettie B. Aimes, in Maryville, Mo. They lived in St. Joseph, Mo. Nettie Aimes Martin d. February 4, 1939.

Children of Charles Wentz and Nettie B. [Aimes] Martin, all born in Maryville, Mo.:

EMMA JANE MARTIN,[8] b. October 29, 1891. m. June 20, 1915, Lloyd F. Wallace, who d. October 19, 1937. Lived in St. Joseph, Mo. One daughter:

CHARLIEN WENTZ WALLACE,[9] b. April 10, 1918, in St. Joseph, Mo. m. October 7, 1935, John T. McCubbin, at Platte City, Mo. Live in St. Joseph, Mo.

NORA BELLE MARTIN,[8] b. April 27, 1893. m. April 12, 1914, Howard K. Peterson, in St. Joseph, Mo. Live in Hannibal, Mo. One daughter:

ELNA CLARISSA PETERSON,[9] b. February 4, 1915, at St. Joseph, Mo. Teacher in Eddysville, Iowa.

JAMES THOMAS MARTIN,[8] b. June 7, 1895. m. November 25, 1920, Gertrude Virginia Sommers, in St. Joseph, Mo. Live in St. Louis, Mo. Two daughters:

GERTRUDE VIRGINIA MARTIN,[9] b. May 18, 1922, at St. Joseph, Mo.
CAROLYN WELDON MARTIN,[9] b. September 23, 1925, at St. Joseph, Mo.

MAUDE ANNA MARTIN[8] b. February 7, 1897. m. October 12, 1921, Allen Harris Daily, in St. Joseph, Mo. Live in Laramie, Wyoming. One son:

ALLEN HARRIS DAILY,[9] Jr., b. November 9, 1931, at St. Joseph, Mo.

HAROLD D. MARTIN,[8] b. May 20, 1909. m. January 4, 1935, Gladys A. Owens, in St. Joseph, Mo. Live at Pattonsburg, Mo. Two daughters:

CHARLIEN JOY MARTIN,[9] b. October 13, 1935, at Pattonsburg, Mo.

CONNIE FAYE MARTIN,[9] b. February 23, 1937, at Maysville, Mo.

NORA REBECCA MARTIN,[7] daughter of Thomas and Mary Jane [Wentz] Martin,[6] John Thomas Wentz,[5] Isaac,[4] John,[3] Peter,[2] Peter.[1] b. December 21, 1870. d. March 2, 1913. m. May 19, 1900, in Maryville, Mo., Eugene Willet, of Topeka, Kansas.

Children of Eugene and Nora Rebecca [Martin] Willet:

THOMAS EUGENE WILLET,[8] died in infancy.

NORA LUCILE [Nona], WILLET,[8] m. Lothair A. Franke. Son: Lothair A. Franke,[9] Jr., b. August 18, 1923.

EDWIN THOMAS MARTIN,[7] son of Thomas and Mary Jane [Wentz] Martin,[6] John Thomas Wentz,[5] Isaac,[4] John,[3] Peter,[2] Peter,[1]. b. June 9, 1882. d. 1929, Kansas City, Mo. m. December 25, 1904, Pearl Stahl. She m. 2d, Wilton Griffith, druggist, of Kansas City, Mo.

Children of Edwin Thomas and Pearl [Stahl] Martin:

WILLIAM HAROLD MARTIN,[8] b. May 8, 1907. d. September 21, 1914.

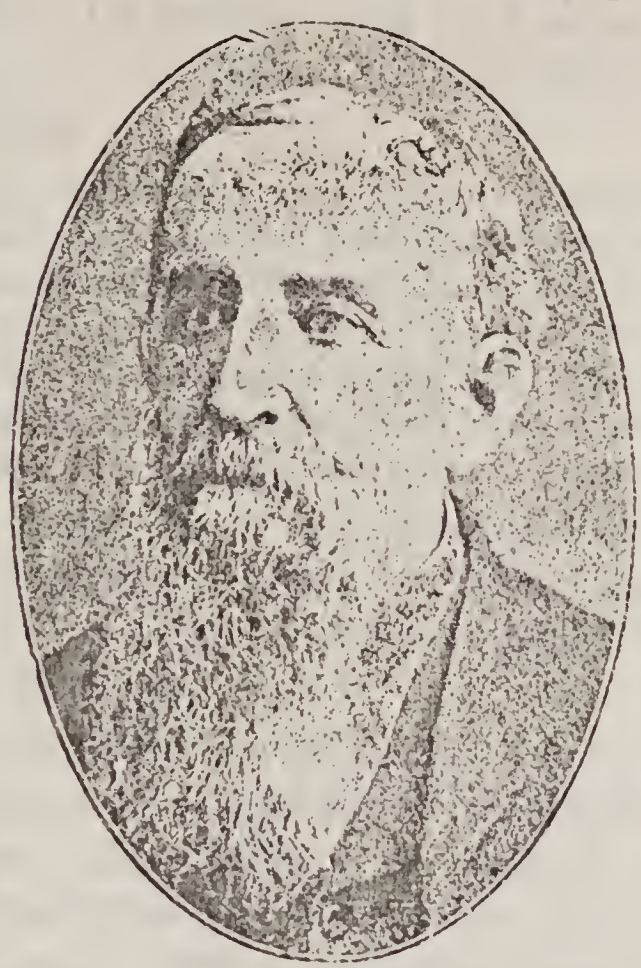
LOUIS EDWARD MARTIN,[8] b. July 20, 1909. m. June 16, 1934, Ruth Kelly. Child of Louis Edward and Ruth [Kelly] Martin: Louis Edward Martin,[9] Jr., b. November 3, 1936.

RUSSELL OTIS MARTIN,[8] b. August 28, 1913. m. April 9, 1937, Ethel Grunden. Child of Russell Otis and Ethel [Grunden] Martin: Russell Otis Martin,[9] Jr., b. August 17, 1938. d. in infancy.

EDWIN MARTIN,[8] Jr., b. January 16, 1917.

ARTHUR ANDREWS WENTZ,[6] son of John Thomas and Ann Amanda [Andrews] Wentz,[5] Isaac,[4] John,[3] Peter,[2] Peter.[1] b. October 8, 1846, Coatesville, Pa. d. July 17, 1922, Lake Charles, La. m. April 23, 1868. Clarissa [Clara] Pardy Blackman, b. August 27, 1848, Marion, Linn County,

Iowa. d. June 28, 1927, Lake Charles, La. Daughter of James Harlow and Mary Rachel [Riggs] Blackman.



ARTHUR ANDREWS WENTZ
[1846-1922]
Son of John Thomas and Amanda Andrews Wentz

Children of Arthur Andrews and Clarissa Pardy [Blackman] Wentz, all born in Vinton, Iowa [family bible]:

JAMES HARLOW WENTZ, b. February 21, 1869. d. August 18, 1869, Vinton, Iowa.

GEORGE ELLIOTT WENTZ, b. March 23, 1870. d. August 30, 1890, of malaria in Lake Charles, La., aged 20 years.

CHARLES AVERY WENTZ, b. October 28, 1871. d. July 17, 1872, Vinton. Iowa.

ARTHUR ALLEN WENTZ, b. July 19, 1874, d. August 14, 1875, Vinton, Iowa.

JOHN THOMAS WENTZ, b. April 2, 1876. m. 1st, Pauline Josephine Martini. m. 2d, Margaret Amelie [Chiapella] Kahle.

MARY LOUISE WENTZ, b. May 19, 1878. m. 1st, Willis A. Pitre. m. 2d, Albert Emmett Westcott. m. 3d, R. Lee Carter.

HATTIE LOIS WENTZ, b. June 26, 1879.

MARK DUDLEY WENTZ, b. December 6, 1880. m. Annie May Barnes.

CLIFFORD WENTZ. b. September 23, 1882. d. June 22, 1934, Lake Charles, La. m. Myrtle Delphine [Charping] Hughes.

HELEN WENTZ, b. January 8, 1887.

Arthur Andrews Wentz and his wife, buried in one tomb, and their sons, George and Clifford, are buried in Orange Grove Cemetery, Lake Charles, La. Their sons, James, Charles, and Allen, died in infancy and are buried in Vinton, Iowa.

John Thomas Wentz and his wife Anna Amanda [Andrews] Wentz both died when Arthur Andrews Wentz was but a year or two old. Their three children, Charles, Jane, and Arthur, were reared by their grandfather, Arthur Andrews III, and his family, who lived on a farm near Oxford, Chester County, Pa. The Court appointed their uncle, David Andrews, guardian, with Arthur Andrews as security.

[Chester County Orphans Court, Docket 20, No. 631]

Arthur Andrews Wentz [familiarly known as Art, At, and Attie] attended Union Academy near Oxford, and in 1864 went to college in Philadelphia, where he boarded with a Mrs. Detwiler.

He first worked for a Mr. Miller in West Chester; left Pennsylvania and went to Marion, Linn County, Iowa, 1866, where he kept a bookstore; in 1867, he went to Bloomington, Ill., to clerk for the Mr. Miller that had employed him in Pennsylvania. The next year he returned to Marion, Iowa, and married Clarissa Pardy Blackman, April 23, 1868, the Rev. Alexander S. Marshall, Presbyterian, officiating, with "several witnesses at the residence of the bride, in Marion." [Marriage Certificate]

Arthur Andrews Wentz and his wife moved from Marion to Vinton, Benton County, Iowa, on the day that they were married. Here, in the same old carved bed, were born all their children.

He built a two-story frame house in Vinton, which he sold in 1875 and bought a 160-acre farm adjoining the city limits. Here they lived for thirteen years, their last six children being born in the two-story brick farmhouse.

In Gray's Atlas of the United States, published 1874, in the classified business directory of Vinton, Iowa, we find: "Wentz, A. A., Abstracts of Titles, Conveyancer and Real Estate Dealer."

In the History of Benton County, Iowa, published 1878, page 499, we read:

"Arthur A. Wentz, farmer and raiser of fine stock; born in Chester Co., Penn., Oct. 8, 1846; he lived there twenty years, and came to Linn Co., Iowa, in 1866, and engaged in the book business; came to Vinton in 1867 and engaged in the abstract business for some years; he made the present abstract books; on account of his health he sold the abstract books to Mr. [John] Knapp, and bought the farm where he now lives, just out of the city limits, and engaged in raising fine stock; he held the office of Town Clerk for some years [1869-1873]; holds office of Supervisor of this county; was appointed in June, 1876, and was elected to fill the same office in the Fall of the same year. Married Miss Clara Blackman, from Marion, Linn Co., Iowa, April 23, 1868; they have two children—George E. and John T.; they have lost three sons—Harry, Charley, and Allen."

From the same book we learn that he was a charter member of Knights of Honor, Anchor Lodge, No. 1137, organized July 10, 1878, in which he was F. R. He was also a charter member and the first scribe of the I. O. O. F., Vinton Lodge, No. 59, chartered Oct. 22, 1873.

The Odd Fellows presented A. A. Wentz with a gold-headed cane and an emblematic charm in token of their esteem for his fellowship; they also presented a silver tea service to him and his wife upon their leaving Vinton, Iowa, in 1888, for their new home in Louisiana.

On September 29, 1888, A. A. Wentz and family arrived in Lake Charles, La., where they now reside. Here he was engaged in the title and real estate business, being associated from 1889 to 1892 with Mr. A. M. Mayo in the firm Mayo and Wentz. For a number of years he was land agent for the J. B. Watkins interests in Southwest Louisiana; he was superintendent of the Clacasieu Sugar Refinery at Lake Charles, La., 1909-1901, an experiment of J. B. Watkins; in 1901 he became the junior member of the real estate firm of Hamand and Wentz, which operated until shortly before Mr. Wentz's death.

The Souvenir Edition of the Daily American, Lake Charles, La., issued in 1905, says:

" . . . It is a pleasure to refer to the men who are most directly responsible for the large number of thriving and industrious citizens who have made this section their home, and among all this number there are not two men in the entire parish who have been more conscientious in this work or accomplished more than E. Hamand and A

A. Wentz. . . . Mr. Wentz has also done some valuable work in settling up the vacant lands of Calcasieu Parish with thrifty farmers. . . . Their straightforward, honest, business-like way of representing the conditions of this section have left no disappointments. . . . They handle all classes of real estate, including oil, rice, and timber lands, city property, factory sites, both improved and unimproved. They are both large property owners and are numbered among the city's most reliable and progressive men."

A. A. Wentz was Sunday School superintendent and church officer in the Presbyterian Church, of Vinton, Iowa; and deacon, trustee, and clerk of the First Presbyterian Church, Lake Charles, La.

He was a very genial gentleman, friend, and host, prominent in school, church, and lodge work, a true friend of the widow and the fatherless. Children always loved him; when his long whiskers turned white and his face was wreathed with smiles as he beamed upon them, many called him Santa Claus; and when he was called to go on his long journey, every child around came with flowers—tributes expressive of their devotion to him.

Clara Blackman Wentz purchased a ten-acre tract of land adjoining the city limits of Lake Charles, and there the family lived from 1889 to 1900. In 1907, A. A. Wentz built a substantial cottage at 828 Clarence St., Lake Charles, which has continued to be the family homestead.

The Marion [Iowa] Weekly Sentinel of February 22, 1922, published a letter from A. C. Woody, a former Marion resident, to J. W. [Wes] Gibson, in which early days in Marion were recalled. The following is an extract from his letter:

"I suppose the girls are few in proportion to the boys. Wes, it makes me lonesome. You speak of Clara Wentz. Who that ever knew Clara Blackman could forget her? Always pleasant, jolly, and a leader in fun. Witty, full of innocent mischief—and good looking—why shouldn't everybody like her? I know she was true to a friend and that is the greatest of all. If you ever meet Clara, tell her I have the needle case she sent me while I was in the army. It is in good condition and of late years has been very convenient. It is so well arranged that several ladies have used it as a pattern."

Mrs. Wentz was a charter member of the Women's War Relief Association [Spanish-American War], and of

the Enterprise Club, leading civic club of Lake Charles; member, D. A. R., Eastern Star, and other organizations; and was active in church work all her life, ready at all times to help "a frined in need."

JOHN THOMAS WENTZ,[7] son of Arthur Andrews and Clarissa Pardy [Blackman] Wentz,[6] John Thomas,[5] Issaac,[4] John,[3] Peter,[2] Peter.[1] b. April 2, 1876, at Vinton, Iowa. m. 1st, June 26, 1911, Pauline Josephine Martini, of New Orleans, La. She died at Abita Springs, La., May 5, 1912. No children. m. 2d, October 10, 1922, Margaret Amelie [Chiapella] Kahle, of New Orleans, La. Mrs. Kahle had one son, Reichart, by her first marriage. They purchased a house at 2430 Nashville Ave., New Orleans, La., and established their home there.

John T. Wentz served in the Spanish-American War as bugler and musician of the First Regiment of Louisiana Volunteers, and was a lieutenant in the United States Naval Reserve Force both before and during the World War. He war charter member and first vice-commander of Dreadnought Post No. 107, later a member of New Orleans Post No. 114; commander of Hayden Y. Grubbs Camp No. 3, of New Orleans American Legion, in 1931; department commander of Louisiana, United States War Veterans, 1933-1934.

He was a printer; worked on the Times-Democrat [New Orleans]; later organizing and becoming the president-manager of the Crescent City Linotyping Company of New Orleans.

He joined the Methodist Church when a young man.

MARY LOUISE WENTZ,[7] daughter of Arthur Andrews and Clarissa Pardy [Blackman] Wentz,[6] John Thomas,[5] Isaac,[4] John,[3] Peter,[2] Peter.[1] b. May 19, 1878, at Vinton, Iowa. m. 1st, June 28, 1899, Willis Addison Pitre, of Lake Charles, La., b. December 11, 1872, son of Charles Carmellian and Eugenie [de la Fosse] Pitre, of Washington, La. m. 2d, January 28, 1911, Albert Emmett Westcott. He died December 20, 1912. No children. m. 3d, December 24,

1923, Robinson Lee Carter, of Kansas City, Mo. No children. Live in Lawrence, Kansas. Mary Louise Wentz taught school in the city of Lake Charles and in the parishes of Calcasieu and Rapides, Louisiana, both before and after her marriages. Methodist. She was noted for her fine needlework.

Children of Willis A. and Mary Louise [Wentz] Pitre:

MARION ARTHUR PITRE, b. August 30, 1900. d. April 27, 1901. Westlake, La.

RUTH EUGENIA PITRE, b. December 24, 1902, Lake Charles, La.

RUTH EUGENIA PITRE,[8] daughter of Willis Addison and Mary Louise [Wentz] Pitre,[7] Arthur Andrews Wentz,[6] John Thomas,[5] Isaac,[4] John,[3] Peter,[2] Peter.[1] b. December 24, 1902, Lake Charles, La. m. 1st, June 3, 1932, Edward Porteous Pond, of New Orleans, son of W. A. and Lelia [Porteous] Pond. b. July 6, 1904. [Marriage Records, Book 29, 19078, Lake Charles, La.] m. 2d, July 11, 1936, James Roscoe Harang, of New Orleans, son of Gustave Joseph and Justine Burnadette [Newhouse] Harang. b. October 28, 1908. They live in New Orleans, La.

Ruth E. Pitre is a graduate of Louisiana Polytechnic Institute, Ruston, La. She taught school several years in Lake Charles and Shreveport, La., and later engaged in secretarial work.

HATTIE LOIS WENTZ,[7] daughter of Arthur Andrews and Clarissa Pardy [Blackman] Wentz,[6] John Thomas,[5] Isaac,[4] John,[3] Peter,[2] Peter.[1] b. June 26, 1879, at Vinton, Iowa. Unmarried. Lives in Lake Charles, La. Lois Wentz was a teacher for years in the city of Lake Charles and parishes of Calcasieu and Red River, La., and later secretary to the superintendent of education of Jefferson Davis Parish, Jennings, La. She is an earnest church, lodge, and club worker; Presbyterian; Eastern Star [W. M.], Rebecca [N G.], Auxiliary, United Spanish War Veterans [Dept. Pres. of Louisiana]; Past Matron, Jennings Chapter No. 9, O. E. S.; Past Noble Grand, Rebecca chapters, Lake Arthur and Jennings, La.

MARK DUDLEY WENTZ,[7] son of Arthur Andrews and Clarissa Pardy [Blackman] Wentz,[6] John Thomas,[5] Isaac,[4] John,[3] Peter,[2] Peter.[1] b. December 6, 1880, in Vinton, Benton County, Iowa. m. June 4, 1907, Annie May Barnes, Lake Charles, La., who was b. November 25, 1885, Crystal Springs, Copiah County, Mississippi; daughter of Wililam Walton and Julia Susannah [Henington] Barnes.

Children of Mark Dudley and Annie May [Barnes] Wentz:

BELL WENTZ, b. November 8, 1908, Lake Charles, La.
MARK DUDLEY WENTZ, Jr., b. June 8, 1912, Lake Charles, La.

Mark D. Wentz left school at the age of seventeen to enlist in the Spanish-American War on May 1, 1898, serving as corporal in Company G, First Louisiana Volunteer Infantry under Captain Lucius O'Bryan, Major S. Arthur Knapp, of Lake Charles, and Colonel W. L. Stevens—the youngest man in the regiment.

He was employed by the Southern Pacific Railroad Co., and was for four years Commissioner of Finance of the city of Lake Charles, La.; he was for many years chairman of the Lake Charles City Democratic Executive Committee and vice-chairman of the Calcasieu Parish Democratic Executive Committee; director and secretary of the Lake Oil Company, Ltd., domiciled in Lake Charles, La.

He has always been very active in religious, fraternal, civic, veteran, and labor affairs. He is a steward in the First Methodist Episcopal Church, South; Most Illustrious Grand Master of the State of Louisiana Royal and Select Masons; Department Commander of Louisiana U. S. W. V. 1928-1929, attending the National Encampment in Havana, Cuba, in 1928 in this official capacity.

Home, 419 Richard St., Lake Charles, La.

Before her marriage Mrs. Mark D. Wentz was a music teacher. She was State President of the Department of Louisiana Auxiliary, United Spanish War Veterans, 1935-1936. Her hobby, flowers.

BELL WENTZ,[8] daughter of Mark Dudley and Annie May [Barnes] Wentz,[7] Arthur Andrews,[6] John Thomas,[5] Isaac,[4] John,[3] Peter,[2] Peter.[1] b. November 8, 1908, Lake Charles, La. Bell Wentz graduated from Southwestern Louisiana Institute, Lafayette, La. Home, Lake Charles, La.

MARK DUDLEY WENTZ, JR.,[8] son of Mark Dudley and Annie May [Barnes] Wentz,[7] Arthur Andrews,[6] John Thomas,[5] Isaac,[4] John,[3] Peter,[2] Peter.[1] b. June 8, 1912, Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish, La. m. June 6, 1936, Mabel Louise Chambless, b. April 27, 1916, daughter of Fredrick Timothy and Mollie [Smith] Chambless, of Sicily Island, La. She attended Louisiana State University two years. Mark Dudley Wentz, Jr., received his B. S. degree, cum laude, from Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, La., in 1936, and his M. S. in 1937. He was director of health and physical education in the city schools of Canton, Mississippi, beginning 1937, and was elected chairman of the Physical Education Group for the State of Mississippi for 1938-1939.

Children of Mark Dudley, Jr., and Mabel Louise [Chambless] Wentz:

BARBARA ANN WENTZ.[9] b. September 28, 1938, Canton, Miss.

CLIFFORD WENTZ,[7] son of Arthur Andrews and Clarissa Pardy [Blackman] Wentz,[6] John Thomas,[5] Isaac,[4] John,[3] Peter,[2] Peter.[1] b. September 23, 1882, Vinton, Iowa. d. June 22, 1934, Lake Charles, La. m. February 29, 1916, Myrtle Delphine [Charping] Hughes. Clifford Wentz was an employee of the Wells-Fargo and Railway Express Agencies. They lived in Lake Arthur and Lake Charles, La.

HELEN WENTZ,[7] daughter of Arthur Andrews and Clarissa Pardy [Blackman] Wentz,[6] John Thomas,[5] Isaac,[4] John,[3] Peter,[2] Peter.[1] b. January 8, 1887, Vinton, Iowa. When a baby, she went with her parents to make her home in Lake Charles, La.

Helen Wentz is a graduate of Louisiana State Normal, and received her B. A degree from Southwestern Louisiana

Institute, Lafayette, La., where she was awarded a silver loving cup for writing the Southwestern Alma Mater Song. She has taught school for many years, most of the time in the Lake Charles High School.

HELEN WENTZ
Daughter of Arthur Andrews Wentz
Lake Charles, Louisiana

At the death of her mother, 1927, Helen Wentz purchased the family home, built by her father in 1907, located at 828 Clarence St., Lake Charles, La., and other lots in the same city.

She joined the Presbyterian Church in 1903, transferring her membership to the First Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in 1930. She was Worthy Matron of Ruth Chapter No. 16, O. E. S., 1929; Regent, Calcasieu Chapter, D. A. R., six years; member, Delta Kappa Gamma, National Honor-Fraternity in Education; member and leader of various other organizations. Fond of travel.

She has devoted many years of painstaking research among records and other data concerning Peter Wentz, The

Immigrant, and his descendants Delving into the past for ancestors long gone, has brought to her in its train a fund of interests and a wealth of interesting people.

HANNAH M. WENTZ,[5] daughter of Isaac and Mary [Kinkead] Wentz,[4] John,[3] Peter,[2] Peter.[1] baptized October 1, 1815, [Register of baptisms, Upper Octorara Church, near Parkesburg, Pa.], was the second wife of John Craver, of Baltimore, Maryland. They had one son, OSCAR CRAVER, b. ca. 1850, who m. Bertie ——— and lived in Baltimore.

CHARLES WENTZ,[5] son of Isaac and Mary [Kinkead] Wentz,[4] John,[3] Peter,[2] Peter.[1] m. Eliza. ————. Samuel Ramsey was appointed guardian for Anna M., Isaac T. and Hannah K. Wentz, September 6, 1850. [Chester County Orphans Court Docket 21, No 41].

Children of Charles and Eliza Wentz:

ANNA M. WENTZ, m. Mr. Eastman.

HANNAH K. WENTZ, m. Mr. Fowler. The Fowlers lived in Alexandria, Va., until the Civil War, when they moved back to Baltimore.

Children of Hannah K. (Wentz) Fowler:

ELIZABETH FOWLER, m. Dr. Robert Bromby, dentist. Lived 1904, 2008 Maury St., Houston, Texas.

CARRIE FOWLER. Lived with her sister Betty in Houston.

ISAAC T. WENTZ.

VI

Descendants of

JOSEPH WENTZ

Son of John, Peter, 2d, Peter the Immigrant

As evidence of the fact that we are descendants of JOHN WENTZ, there was found in the Wentz Family Bible a slip of paper, yellow with age, giving the following information about his children:

"John Wentz			Died	1804
Susanna, his wife,	born	1744	"	1823
William	"	1769		
Margaret	"	1769		
Isaac	"	1771		
Elisabeth	"	1774		
Margaret	"	1776		
Joseph, born, Nov. 20		1772		
Susanna	born	1778		
John	"	1779		
Thomas	"	1780		
Elisabeth	'	1782		
Christopher	"	1784		
Molly	"	1787"		

Note: This shows, as can be seen, that the dates of JOHN WENTZ'S death [1804] and his wife's death [1823] are the same as recorded above. [B.E.-1938]

Deed, February 10, 1792, John Wentz of Norristown Township, Montgomery County, Pa., innkeeper, and Susannah his wife, to John Slinglough of Whitpain: a tract in Whitpain containing 20 acres, consideration £180.

[Norristown Deeds 6, p. 504]

Will of Christopher Dickensheed of Lower Salford Township, Montgomery County, Pa., dated March 12, 1878, pr. April 28, 1788, mentions wife Margaret, son Dilman, grandson Christopher son of Dilman, son William, daughter Susanna wife of John Wentz, Rove grandchildren [not named], children of son Frederick, three grandchildren [not named], children of son Valentine deceased.

Executors: Son-in-law John Wentz and John Shuler.

Witnesses: Henry Sweitzer and Gabriel Shuler.

Son of John and Susanna [Dickensheed] Wentz,[3] Peter,[2] Peter.[1]

JOSEPH WENTZ,[4] b. 11-20-1772. d. 1-30-1861. m. Sarah Smith [b. 11-9-1778. d. 2-17-1843]. c. Susan, Matilda, John S., Isaac S., David S., William G., Sarah Ann, Thomas and Mary Maria.

JOSEPH WENTZ
[1772-1861]
Son of John and Susanna Dickensheed Wentz

Sarah Smith was born in Lower Merion, Montgomery County, Pa., near Philadelphia on the old homestead which was a family heritage. Her father, John Thomas Smith, descended from the early Welsh settlers of Montgomery County, who purchased land from William Penn. Her father was a man of sterling worth whose influence was widely felt in the community. In religious belief he was a Friend. Her mother, Margaret Smith, was a woman of

prayer, faith and courage, of rare sweetness of mind and disposition. Her forefathers were originally of English descent, having come to America several generations earlier.

Joseph Wentz, following his marriage to Sarah Smith, lived at Doe Run, Londonderry Township, Chester County, Pa., where he operated the stone mill for several years. They lived in a stone house back of the mill. Part of the old house can still be seen. The original mill was burned, but the stone walls were left. The frame part was rebuilt and the mill is still in operation—the stone portion is the original building. They moved from here to Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, in about 1803 or 1804, and lived in a small old house that stood in front of the big stone house still standing.

Joseph Wentz later built for his home a large stone house, located on Muddy Run in Martic Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, where they lived and reared their family. The place is known as Wentz's Mill. His son, William G., after his first marriage, lived in this house and it was here that his wife [Hannah Margaret Penny] met with accidental death. After his second marriage he built a house on the Hollow Road that follows Muddy Run. Later, at the time of the marriage of his son, Isaac James, the father, William G., built a second house [both frame] and moved into it, leaving his son Isaac in the first house he had built. The father, William G., lived in the second house until his death, at which time his son, William Henry, took possession of the house and made his home there.

Joseph Wentz was a Squire for many years in Martic Township. They [Joseph Wentz and his wife, Sarah Smith] are both buried in the Drumore Friends' Cemetery, Drumore Township, Lancaster County, Pa.

In the Court House in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, there is of record a Deed stating that the Wentz Mill property was transferred to Joseph Wentz from John Barr and others on October 27, 1804. Three other deeds, relating to the whole, as well as parts of this property, dated 1790; April 19, 1799; and January 18, 1850, are now in the possession

of Bertha Earnhart, daughter of David Earnhart and Elmira Wentz, grand-daughter of Thomas Wentz and Mary Jane Penny and great--grand-daughter of Joseph Wentz and Sarah Smith.

David Earnhart bought a part of this property—the mill and the adjoining house on same side of the road—about 1894 from Thomas Wentz, he having purchased his brother William's share many years before. Across the road from the stone house was a frame building used for a cocoonery. Thomas Wentz also had a sugar-cane mill and a saw-mill, both in operation many years. The saw-mill was later moved quite a distance down the hollow on Muddy Run and was operated there until it was burned some years afterward.

Children of Joseph Wentz and Sarah Smith

SUSAN WENTZ,[5] b. 2-22-1802. d. 12-16-1877. Unmarried. After the death of her mother she kept the home for her father. For a time she and her father went to live with her sister, Mary Maria Penny. The father not being satisfied away from the old home, they came back and lived in the old house across the road from their former home, where he died. He was buried, however, from his former home. After her father's death she returned to the home of her sister, Mary Maria, where she died. She was buried in Bethesda Cemetery, Martic Township, Lancaster County, Pa. Her father was buried with his wife in the Drumore Friends' Cemetery, Drumore Township, Lancaster County, Pa. [Joseph Wentz's family Bible for this and following sketches.]

MATILDA WENTZ,[5] b. 5-17-1803. d. 2-2-1848. m. John Spear [b. 2-27-1800, d. 1860]. He was the son of James and Dorothy Spear. He was a Methodist minister. Matilda lived and was buried in Marietta, Lancaster County, Pa. Rev. John Spear went to New Jersey after death of his wife, where he died and is buried. c. David Wentz, Sarah Susanna, Joseph Lybrand, James A., and Arinimus [twins], and Isaac S. Twin named James died at age of 18 years. Isaac died at 4 years of age.

JOHN S. WENTZ,[5] b. 11-20-1805. d. 3-30-1883. m. Sarah Ann Penny, a daughter of Joseph and Mary Long Penny. She was born 7-25-1814. They both were buried in Bethesda Cemetery, Martic Township, Lancaster County, Pa. c. Mary L., Joseph Penny, William James, Hugh Penny, John, Thomas Henry, Sarah Emma, Hannah Laura and Harriet Elizabeth. They lived in Drumore Township, Lancaster County, Pa., on the farm adjoining his father's home.

ISAAC S. WENTZ,[5] b. 2-1-1808. d. 8-23-1891, and was buried near Jones, Oklahoma. m. Elizabeth Ann Smith [b. 10-25-1824. d. 10-20-1868], his first cousin, daughter of David and Hannah Smith. c. David Lednum, Emmarine, Hannah Maria, Adelaide, and Joseph L. Elizabeth Ann Smith Wentz and son, Joseph, died in Illinois and were buried there.

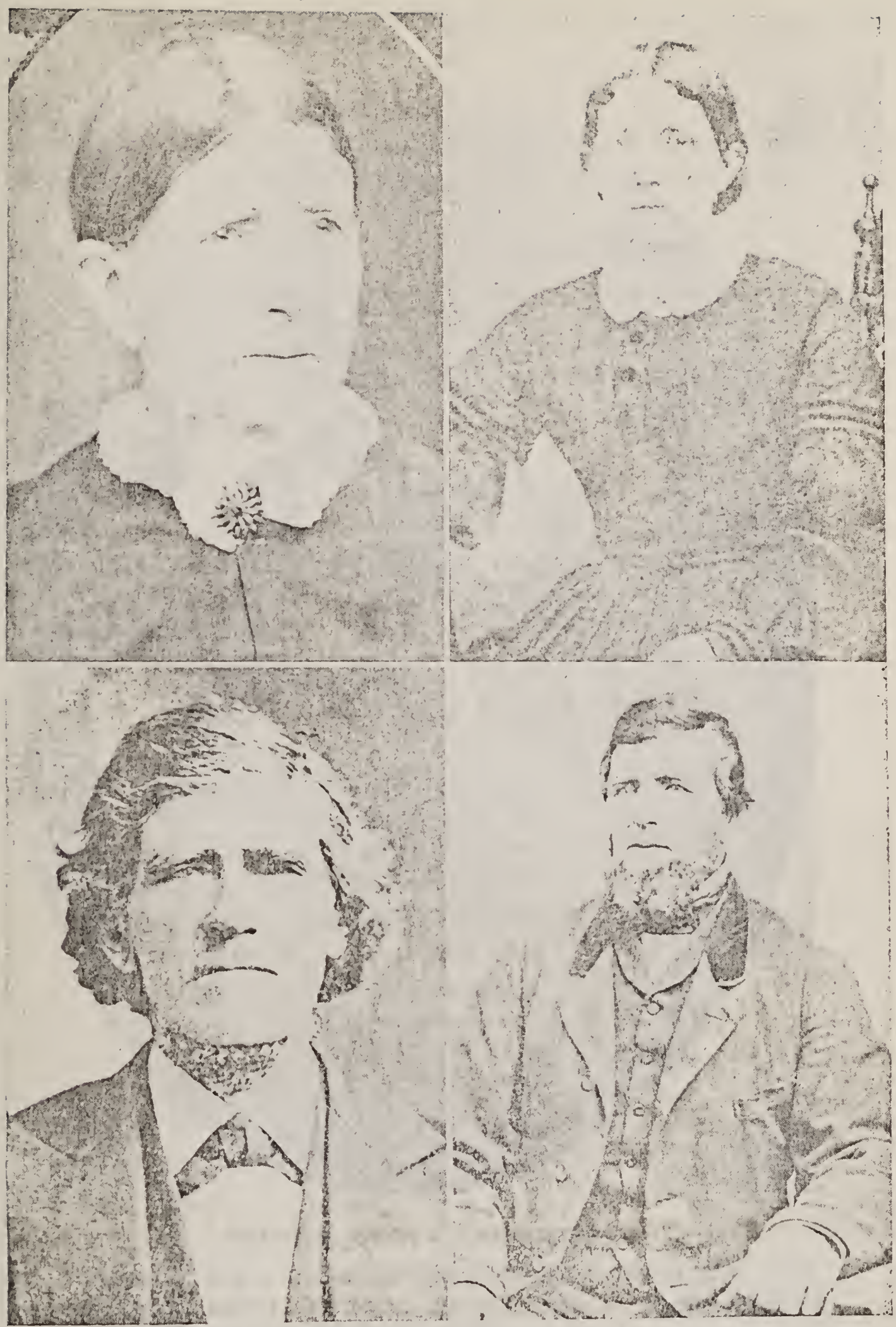
When they were first married, Isaac and Elizabeth Ann Smith Wentz lived on a farm in Drumore Township, Lancaster County, Pa. adjoining the farm of his brother John. They lived there only a few years when they moved to Illinois. After the death of his wife, he went to Oklahoma and made his home with his daughter, Adelaide.

DAVID S. WENTZ,[5] b. 2-8-1810. d. 8-30-1827. Buried in the Drumore Friends' Cemetery, Lancaster County, Pa. Unmarried.

WILLIAM G. WENTZ,[5] b. 2-8-1812. d. 6-13-1875. m. [1] 6-2-1836, Hannah Margaret Penny [b. 5-10-1817. d. 5-16-1851], daughter of Joseph and Mary Long Penny. She was killed by a fall down the kitchen stairs in the old stone house. They both are buried in Chestnut Level Cemetery, Lancaster County, Pa. c. Sarah E., Mary Margaret, Isaac James, William Henry, Joseph Irvin, and Clarissa. m. [2] Martha McCrabb, daughter of Jacob McCrabb. After the death of William Wentz, his wife, Martha, married Vincent Johnson. They went to Iowa where she died and was buried. There were no children by the second marriage.

JOSEPH WENTZ,[5] b. 3-5-1814. d. 10-12-1846. Unmarried.

SARAH WENTZ,[5] b. 5-7-1816. d. 10-14-1816.



CHILDREN OF JOSEPH AND SARAH SMITH WENTZ

SUSAN WENTZ — SARAH ANN WENTZ PENNY

ISAAC S. WENTZ — WILLIAM G. WENTZ

ISAAC S. WENTZ AND FAMILY

Left to Right, standing: David Lednum Wentz and Wife, Joseph Wentz; seated: Ida Wentz Horner, Isaac S. Wentz, Adelaide Wentz Albright, Emmarine Wentz Miller.

SARAH ANN WENTZ,[5] b. 9-25-1817. d. 3-7-1885. m. 10-1-1835 Hugh Penny, a farmer, [b. 6-1-1812. d. 2-10-1881]. c. Mary Matilda, Margaret, Joseph, Sarah Adelaide, Maria Jane, William Calhoun, Hugh James and Emma Lora.

Hugh Penny and his wife lived in a well-built stone house known as the Penny Home. It was built by the Calhouns and is situated in Drumore Township, Lancaster County, Pa., on the road leading from Liberty Square to the Buck. He was the son of Joseph and Mary Long Penny. They are both buried at Chestnut Level, Lancaster County, Pa.

THOMAS WENTZ,[5] b. 7-15-1820. d. 6-4-1912. m. 5-15-1845, Mary Jane Penny, daughter of Joseph and Mary Long Penny. She was born 11-2-1824 and died 1-19-1906. c. Harriet Elizabeth, Elmira, Adelaide, Violetta and Winfield Scott.

When Thomas Wentz and Mary Jane Penny were first married they lived at the Wentz Mill Home on Muddy Run, Martic Township, Lancaster Co., Pa., and he operated the mill, the saw-mill and sugar-cane mill. It was at this time [1845] that the old building, which had been used for a cocoonery, was remodeled and made over into a dwelling house for Thomas Wentz and his wife, Mary Jane. Until 1857, or 1858, Thomas and his brother, William, had been in partnership in the mill and saw-mill business and brother William had lived in the new stone house built by their father, Joseph Wentz. At the time of his second marriage, brother William built a new house up the Hollow Road [the first house] and moved into it. His brother Thomas then moved into the stone house which had been built by their father Joseph. It was in this old stone house that Thomas and his wife, Mary Jane, continued to live for many decades, devoting their exemplary lives to their family, their community and their church, until they passed away at aged, serene and honored years.

In 1899 the stone barn belonging to the Wentz property burned. It was rebuilt, using the old walls, but was made

smaller—that is, one portion was rebuilt and one left about as it was originally.

In 1893 Thomas Wentz tore down the old frame house [originally the cocoonery] from which he had moved to the stone house, and built a new frame dwelling. David Earnhart, his wife, Elmira Wentz Earnhart, and their daughter, Bertha, then moved into this new house. David Earnhart later bought the mill property on the west side of the road and operated it until he sold it many years later to his adjoining neighbor, Charles L. Harner. Shortly after the death of Thomas Wentz [1912], David Earnhart bought the remaining part of the Wentz estate—he having, in the meantime, bought the meadow land including the mill dam, the head race, etc. David Earnhart lived there and operated the mill until 1916 when he built a home in Oxford, Chester County, Pa. It was at this time that David Earnhart sold the Wentz property to Charles L. Harner of Martic Township, Lancaster County, Pa.

CHILDREN OF JOSEPH AND SARAH SMITH WENTZ

MARIA WENTZ PENNY THOMAS WENTZ

Thomas Wentz was a devout Christian man, honest and upright in all his dealings. He was a class leader, a Sunday School superintendent, an exhorter, a steward and a trustee in Bethesda Methodist Church, Lancaster County, Pa. He was one of the charter members of that church. At the time of his death his pastor, Rev. W. S. Nichols, wrote the following: [Copied from a church magazine clipping]—

> "Thomas Wentz was born in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, July 15, 1820. Brother Wentz was converted at a revival meeting when eighteen years of age and for almost seventy-five years devoted his life to the service of God and Methodism. He was an inspiration to all who knew him and our churches in Southern Lancaster County are indebted greatly to this man of God. Scores of sinners have been brought to Christ by his example, his convincing argument and persuasion.
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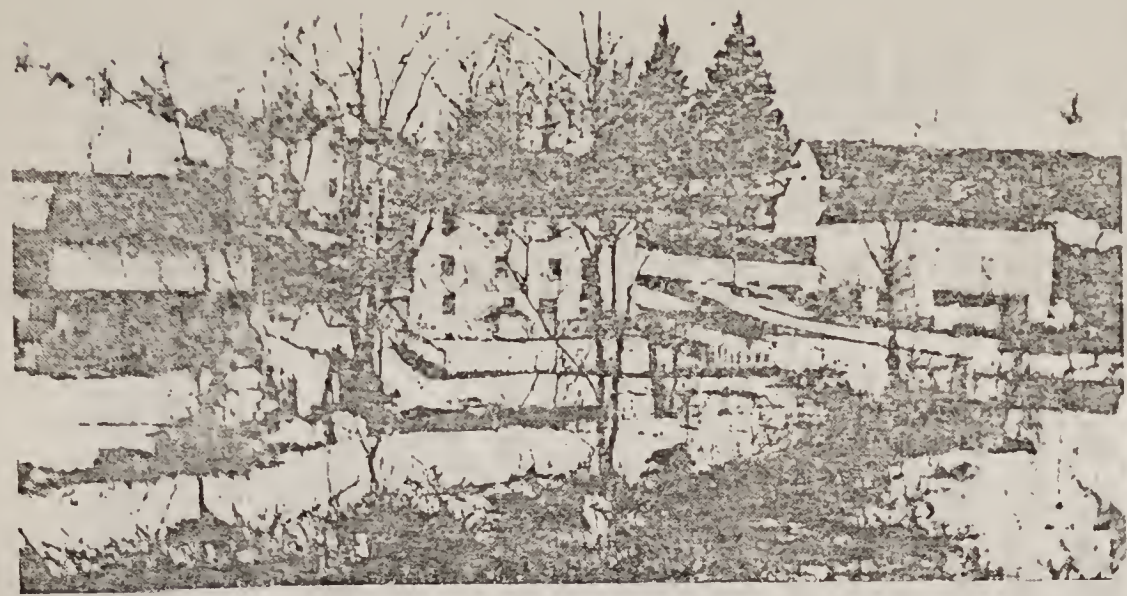
> He had a sensitive mental eye and a depth of spiritual vision which remained with him until the end. At the age of ninety-two his mind was undimmed. He knew all the flowers and the haunts and habits of all the birds in the immediate community. He was a thorough student of the Bible and sacred song and was as well versed in the use of God's Word as any man I ever knew. No one heard him without being entertained, instructed and blessed.
>
> Brother Wentz died June 4, 1912, at the home of his birth and was buried June 8th in Bethesda Cemetery adjoining the Church, which he so faithfully served."

Thomas Wentz and his wife, Mary Jane, are both buried in Bethesda Cemetery, Martic Township, Lancaster County, Pa.

MARY MARIA WENTZ,[5] b. 9-17-1823. d. 8-20-1916. m. 10-9-1845 to James Calhoun Penny [b. 11-2-1819]. d. 5-7-1885] son of Joseph and Mary Long Penny. c. John D. Penny.



Two views of Wentz Mill and Cocoonery, Martic Township, Lancaster County, Pa.

Above: Joseph Wentz Home, Martic Township.
Below: Doe Run Mill, Chester County, Pa.

Mary Maria Wentz was born near Bethesda, where she spent her early life. In early girlhood she united with the Bethesda Methodist Church, where she continued a consistent member her entire life.

Mary Maria and her husband resided for eight years at the Penny homestead with Hugh Penny, James' only brother, who married Sarah Ann Wentz, sister of Mary Maria. The farm was owned by their grandfather and was given to Joseph and Mary Penny, who gave it to Hugh and James Penny.

James Calhoun Penny was interested in township affairs, being supervisor of roads many years, also school director in whose duties he took special interest. He and his wife were of kindly disposition, always lending a hand to the sick, bereaved, and homeless. James was guardian for several children bereft of parents. He was a member of Chestnut Level Church. During the Civil War, James was appointed to carry the mail from McCall's Ferry to Christiana, which meant much in those days.

Children of Matilda Wentz and John Spear

DAVID WENTZ SPEAR,[6] b. 4-11-1828. d. ————. m. He went to California and became a Judge of the Appellate Court. He married rather late in life Mrs. Mabel Allen Bronson, a widow with two daughters. c. None. He and his wife died and were buried in California.

SARAH SUSAN CRANDLE SPEAR,[6] b. 7-3-1857. d. 10-29-1916. m. 3-16-1856 to Hugh McKerral, son of H. and Margaret McKerral [born in England 2-22-1833. d. 6-24-?]. Sarah and Hugh McKerral lived on a farm at Brookfield, Ill., until their family of five were grown, when they moved to Traer, Iowa, and died there. c. John Hugh, Zellah Margaret, Mary Matilda, James, Martha Ida, and Frank.

JOSEPH LYBRAND SPEAR,[6] b. 2-1-1831. d. 1-11-1899. m. [1] 3-4-1854 to Emma Wolf, daughter of John and Sarah Wolf. [b. 12-18-1836. d. 1-19-1857]. c. Emma Virginia [b. 12-27-1855], and James [b. 1-19-1857. d. 1-19-1857]. m. [2] 8-24-1862 to Mary Elizabeth Carpenter.

c. Emma J. [b. 1866. d. 1909] Harry Elbert [b. 1868]; Mabel Grace [b. 1873]; and Frank Carpenter [b. 1876].

Joseph L. Spear, son of a Methodist clergyman, was born in Drumore Township, Lancaster County, Pa., in which State he spent some years as a teacher. He went to Brookville, Ill., in 1859 and was employed in farming or teaching in Brookville and Forreston. While a teacher at Forreston, in August, 1862, he assisted in raising a company, mustered in the service as Company E, 92d Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and was elected its first lieutenant. While the regiment was stationed at Camp Fuller, Rockford, preparatory to being accepted into the United States service, August 24, 1862, Lieutenant Spear married Miss Mary E. Carpenter, of Polo. The war soon called the young husband to the front, in Kentucky. His wife was privileged to visit him several times while he was in the South. He was appointed Captain of Company E by General Smith D. Atkins, November 4, 1864, and was mustered out at Chicago, July 8, 1865. The first of August found Captain Spear settled down to civil life as the proprietor of a drug store in Polo, Ill.

Several of his war comrades, among them Col. B. F. Sheets and General Atkins, paid the highest tributes to Captain Spear as a Christian gentleman.

> "He was a high minded, honorable gentleman. He was devoted to duty, and no higher tribute can be paid to any man. As he was a grand, good soldier during the war, so he has been an honorable upright citizen of the Republic he helped to save."

JAMES A. SPEAR,[6] b. 3-28-1833. d. 12-12-1850. ARINIMUS SPEAR,[6] b. 3-28-1833. d. 1833. [Twins].

ISAAC S. SPEAR,[6] b. 3-5-1840 in New Egypt, New Jersey. d. 11-13-1844.

Children of John S. Wentz and Sarah Ann Penny

MARY L. WENTZ,[6] b. 4-19-1834. d. 2-9-1896. m. to William Morrison, son of F. L. Morrison. c. Alice A. and Loretta R. Most of their married life was spent on farms near the Buck, Lancaster County, Pa. They both are buried at Chestnut Level, Lancaster County, Pa.

JOSEPH PENNY WENTZ,[6] b. 6-9-1836. d. 5-18-1921. m. Mary Elmira McCleary of York County, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth McCleary, [b. 3-18-1844. d. 2-17-1922]. c. Harry Edwin, Aura Elthea, Zella Floretta, Sarah Elizabeth, and Myrtle Alice. During his life he followed farming, living at several different places. They both are buried at Chestnut Level, Lancaster County, Pa.

WILLIAM JAMES WENTZ,[6] b. 1-31-1839. d. 9-5-1902. m. 9-8-1865, Susan R. Rohrer, daughter of Mary and John Rohrer. She was born 3-3-1844 and died 7-16-1920.

William Wentz was a physician in New Providence, Lancaster County, Pa. He was a graduate of Jefferson Medical College, class of 1865. Member State and County Medical Societies. Both are buried in New Providence Mennonite Burrying Ground. c. Anna LaBerta, John Rohrer, Mary B., B. Frank, Emily W., and Charles E.

HUGH PENNY WENTZ,[6] b. 11-1-1841. d. 2-23-1899. m. Margaret C. Steele, daughter of William and Margaret McSparran Steele. She was born 4-30-1852 and died 4-30-1919. c. William Dwight, Edgar Lum and Margaret Blanche.

JOHN WENTZ,[6] b. 5-29-1845. d. 2-28-1916. m. [1] 12-5-1872, Lucinda McPherson, who died January 22, 1874. She was a daughter of James A. and Lydia S. McPherson. c. Charles Melville. m. [2] 1-31-1878, Julia Heibeck, who died June 2, 1913. She was a daughter of Michael and Julia Heibeck. c. Ira Freeman, Julia Maude, Sarah May, Emily and Ivy Belle. He and his wives are buried at Chestnut Level, Lancaster County, Pa.

John Wentz first kept store at Liberty Square, Drumore Township, Lancaster County, Pa., where his first wife died. He then kept a general merchandise store for many years at Bethesda, Martic Township, Lancaster County, Pa He was one of the most active and untiring business men of whom the community was justly proud in those days, as attested by the "History of Lancaster County," [Page 969] —published in 1883. John Wentz, like many others of the Wentz families, devoted his life to church work, and,

like them, he was a lasting influence on the lives of those of the younger generations through his active service to the Bethesda Methodist Church and Sunday School. After leaving Bethesda, he moved to Wilmington, Delaware, where his second wife died. Soon after her death he went to Lancaster, Pa., where he later also died.

THOMAS HENRY WENTZ,[6] b. 2-17-1848. d. 2-?-1910. m. 1-7-1879 to Annie Barbara Roop. She was born 10-6-1860 and died 7-6-1931. c. Alleta M., Paul Roop, Mary Gertrude and Joseph Clair.

Thomas Wentz was for many years a physician in Kirkwood, Lancaster County, Pa. Later he practiced in Philadelphia and died there. His wife was a daughter of Joseph and Mary Greer Roop. Both are buried in Union Cemetery, Lancaster County, Pa.

SARAH EMMA WENTZ,[6] b. 9-15-1850. d. 4--18-1888. m. 1-16-1879 to William Thomas Boyd, son of William and Sarah Jane Boyd. He was born 1-19-1847 and died 8-7-1891. William Thomas Boyd was a farmer and he and Sarah Emma Wentz Boyd lived on the old Boyd homestead near Fairfield, Drumore Township, Lancaster County, Pa. They both are buried in Boyd's Family Burying Ground, located on this farm. c. Hugh Clarence and Sarah Letta.

HANNAH LAURA WENTZ,[6] b. 11-12-1853. d. 10-15-1923. m. 3-4-1879 to James M. McSparran [b. 12-23-1848. d. 8-2-1933]. c. Guy Fleming, John Walter, Elwood Wentz, Clyde, Sarah Elizabeth and James Edgar.

He was a farmer and lived on a farm near Fairfield, Drumore Township, Lancaster County, Pa. He was a son of Fleming McSparran. Both are buried at Chestnut Level, Lancaster County, Pa.

HARRIET ELIZABETH WENTZ,[6] b. 9-28-1856. d. 1-25-1911. m. 5-10-1883 to John McComb, son of William and Matilda McComb. He was born 2-23-1858 and died 2-20-1890. c. Maybelle E. and Helen. The first child was a son who died at birth.

When Harriet Elizabeth Wentz married, a new house was built for her and John McComb on the McComb's farm,

on the road between Liberty Square and Hopkins Mill, Drumore Township, Lancaster County, Pa., where they lived until John's death. Harriet McComb died at the home of her daughter, Maybelle E. [Ferguson] in Kirkwood, Lancaster County, Pa. They both are buried at Chestnut Level, Pa. John McComb, his father and his mother all died within a week from pneumonia.

Children of Isaac Wentz and Elizabeth Smith

DAVID LEDNUM WENTZ,[6] b. 7-30-1848. d. 2-15-1921. m. 1869 to Lydia Isabelle Hichell [b. 3-10-1854. d. 11-9-1928]. c. Daisy, John Isaac and James David. He was born near Bethesda, Lancaster County, Pa. He went out West in early life. When his father and mother were first married they lived on a farm in Drumore Township, Lancaster County, Pa., and shortly afterward they moved to Illinois. Lydia, his wife, was born in Piqua, Ohio. They are both buried at Stillwater, Oklahoma.

EMMARINE WENTZ,[6] b. ————. d.————. m. Oliver Miller. c. There were eight children but, at the time this family history was being assembled, their names were not known. Emmarine Wentz and her husband lived on their farm near Carthage, Missouri, where they lived for many years. She is dead, and it is understood that she is buried at her home, Carthage, Missouri.

HANNAH MARIA [IDA] WENTZ,[6] b.————. d. ————. m. Vernon Horner. c. One son whose name is not known.

ADELAIDE [ADDIE] WENTZ,[6] b. ————. d. ————. m. Will Allbright in Oklahoma. c. Clara Matilda, and there were other children. Information furnished in 1926 showed that there was but one daughter [Clara Matilda] and two sons, names unknown. However, in 1938, John E. Wentz of Kansas City, Kansas, said that he had an old group picture of this family and that there were eight children, names unknown at this time [1938]. The daughter, Clara Matilda, was married and when she died left three small children. Her mother took the youngest boy and a neighbor took the two older children. One of the

sons of Adelaide Wentz Allbright was employed in the Texas oil fields in 1926.

JOSEPH L. WENTZ,[6] b. ————. d. ————. While his birth and death dates cannot be determined at this time [1938], it is known that he died when 21 years old and that he is buried in Illinois beside his mother. In a letter of March 16, 1938, from John E. Wentz of Kansas City, Kansas, to Bertha Earnhart, of Oxford, Pa., concerning his ancestors, he said:

> "I have a group picture of Isaac Wentz and his children. Probably the only one in existence. It must be almost 70 years old, taken shortly after my grandfather, David Lednum Wentz, married. This shows a picture of Joe Wentz, my grandfather's brother, probably the only picture of him left. This picture is old and faded. I am going to try and have it restored. On the back of the picture is written:
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> "Isaac [Wentz], father.
> David Lednum [Wentz] and his wife.
> Joe [Wentz] Died when 21 years old.
> Ida [Hannah Wentz] Married Vernon Horner.
> Addie [Adelaide Wentz] Married Will Allbright.
> Emmarine [Wentz] Married Oliver Miller."

Children of William G. Wentz and Hannah Margaret Penny

SARAH E. WENTZ,[6] b. 6-2-1837. d. 7-26-1840.

MARY MARGARET WENTZ,[6] b. 11-2-1839. d. 10-7-1906. m. 1-29-1862 to Elias Aumet. [b. 11-15-1832. d. 12-12-1888]. c. Edgar Wentz, Clarissa Hannah, William Jacob, Sarah Estella, Elias Irvin and Cyrus Clifford.

Elias Aument was a son of Jacob and Sara Aument. He kept a general merchandise store at the Buck, at Rawlinsville, and at Drumore Centre, Lancaster County, Pa. Afterward he bought a farm near Quarryville, Lancaster County, Pa., and lived there until his death. He and his wife both are buried in Quarryville Cemetery.

ISAAC JAMES WENTZ,[6] b. 3-3-1841. d. 6-17-1916. m. 1-7-1868 to Martha Miller, a daughter of Samuel and

Hattie Ellen Miller. [b. 12-28-1844. d. 1-7-1917]. c. Cora Ellen [b. 9-27-1871. d. 1-7-1932].

After his marriage, Isaac James Wentz lived for many years on the farm along the Hollow Road that follows Muddy Run, Martic Township, Lancaster County, Pa. His house is the first house as you go from Wentz's Mill toward Rawlinsville. The house was built by his father, William G. Wentz. They afterward lived in Lancaster, Pa., for several years then went to Pembrook, near Harrisburg, Pa., where they died at the home of their daughter, Cora Ellen. They are both buried in Colonial Park Cemetery, near Harrisburg, Pa.

WILLIAM HENRY WENTZ,[6] b. 3-16-1844. d. 12-14-1915. m. 9-12-1872 to Louisa Agnes Yost, [b. 7-15-1851], daughter of Charles K. and Elizabeth F. Yost of York County, Pa. c. Walter [b. 6-19-1873. d. 3-14-1875]; Elvin [b. 10-14-1876]; and Leila [b. 9-14-1883].

William Henry Wentz was a farmer for many years and they lived in the second house on the Hollow Road going from Wentz's Mill toward Rawlinsville, Martic Township, Lancaster County, Pa. In later years they moved to Rawlinsville, Pa., where he died. His wife, Louisa, died 12-3-1938. She is buried at Bethesda Cemetery, Lancaster County, Pa. Both he and his wife were active members of the Bethesda Methodist Church in Martic Township. They were both accomplished singers and he led the church choir for many years. He was also a tireless official of the church. At the time of his death, a Lancaster County newspaper paid him the following tribute:

> "A stroke of paralysis which he suffered yesterday at noon, resulted in the death shortly after eight o'clock last evening of William Wentz, school director, tax collector, and well known farmer of Martic Township. The deceased had apparently been in the best of health until yesterday, when he suffered the stroke which proved fatal.
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> "Mr. Wentz was born near Bethesda on March 16, 1844, and was a son of the late William [G.] Wentz.

An interesting coincident in the career of both Mr. Wentz and his father was that both of them had served Martic Township as school directors and also both of them had died as they were rounding out the second term of office as tax collector of Martic Township.

"The deceased obtained his education in the public schools of Martic Township and later was a scholar in the select school in Drumore Township. Aside from a year spent in Illinois, where he was engaged in farming with an uncle, he spent his entire lifetime in Martic Township. Upon his return from the West, he took up agricultural work at his home and also served ten terms as school director of Martic Township.

"In politics, Mr. Wentz was a staunch Republican. Fraternally, he was a member of the Rawlinsville Lodge, Knights of Pythias and also of the Mount Nebo Lodge, Knights of Mystic Chain. He was an active member of the Bethesda Methodist Church."

[He is buried in the adjoining cemetery to the Bethesda Methodist Church.]

JOSEPH IRVIN WENTZ,[6] b. 3-28-1847. d. 3-13-1863. His death was caused by diphtheria. He is buried in Chestnut Level Cemetery, Lancaster County, Pa.

CLARISSA WENTZ,[6] b. 2-26-1849. d. 2-11-1863. Her death, as was her brother's, was caused by diphtheria. She, too, is buried in Chestnut Level Cemetery, Lancaster County, Pa.

Children of Sarah Ann Wentz and Hugh Penny

MARY MATILDA PENNY,[6] b. 8-24-1836. d. 10-14-1867. m. 4-23-1855 to Henry Pegan, son of James and Mary J. Pegan. c. Ida Melissa, Alice Eva and Mary Lena.

They went to housekeeping in a house built for them by his father, James Pegan, on a farm near Bethesda, Martic Township, Lancaster County, Pa. At the time of her death, they were living in the house formerly occupied by Isaac Wentz and his wife [Elizabeth Smith] and later by William Morrison and his wife [Mary L. Wentz]. This

property is located in Drumore Township, near Wentz's Mill, Lancaster County, Pa., and was once a part of the original Wentz property. Her father owned the property at the time of her death. Her brother Joseph lived there at a later date. She is buried in Chestnut Level Cemetery, Lancaster County, Pa. After her death, Henry Pegan married Elizabeth Sides. They had two children, Louella and Harry. Henry Pegan was born 12-8-1833 and died 2-16-1911. He is buried beside his second wife at Spring City, York County, Pa.

MARGARET PENNY,[6] b. 2-18-1839. d. 3-30-1839.

JOSEPH PENNY,[6] b. 11-23-1840. d. 3-27-1910. m. 1-5-1871 to Hanah Mary Pusey. [b. 4-7-1848. d. 4-27-1936]. c. Anna May and Cheyney.

When they were married, they started housekeeping in the same house where his sister, Mary Matilda, died. Here their daughter, May, was born. He was a miller for several years at Puseyville, Lancaster County, Pa. He later bought a farm in Coleraine Township, near Spruce Grove, Lancaster Co., Pa., where he died. His wife died at their son, Cheyney's, home, near Spruce Grove. They are both buried in Union Cemetery, Lancaster County, Pa. For many years previous to her death she and her daughter, May, lived in Oxford, Chester County, Pa.

SARAH ADELAIDE PENNY,[6] b. 1-14-1843. d. 2-23-1926. m. November 1881 to Thomas Wilson. c. None. They lived in Stewartstown, York County, Pa. She died in Philadelphia, Pa., at the home of her niece, Bertie Aument Boyd. She and her husband are both buried in Stewartstown, Pa.

MARIA JANE PENNY,[6] b. 10-17-1844. d. 10-25-1929. m. Aldus Aument, 4-19-1871. He was a son of Jacob and Sarah Aument. [He was born 10-7-1844, died 8-5-1919]. c. Infant son, no record of name; Bertie L., and Lawrence A. They went to housekeeping on his father's farm where they died. They both are buried in Quarryville Cemetery, Lancaster County, Pa.

WILLIAM CALHOUN PENNY,[6] b. 2-29-1848. d. 12-4-1922. m. Mary Jane Backius, 12-12-1882. c. Fannie. b. 1885, died in infancy.

William Calhoun Penny lived at the original Penny house near the Buck in Drumore Township, Lancaster County, Pa., where he died. He is buried in Chestnut Level Cemetery, Lancaster County, Pa. His widow married Thomas Collins, who died in 1937.

HUGH JAMES PENNY,[6] b. 7-29-1854. d. 5-24-1821. m. 11-30-1887 to Elizabeth Phillips. [b. 4-24-1856. d. 12-16-1917]. c. Lucie Calhoun.

Hugh James Penny conducted a general merchandise store at Russellville, Pa., and later at Elkview, Chester County, Pa. They afterward moved to Oxford, Chester County, Pa., where they both died. They are buried in the Oxford Cemetery. During their residence in Oxford, he traveled as a salesman.

EMMA LORA PENNY,[6] b. 4-8-1856. d. 4-23-1921. m. 4-14-1876 to William Fenton Overholt [d. 1-25-1906], son of Samuel Overholt and Mary Ann Pickering. c. Clarence Irving [b. 2-1-1877. d. 10-1-1878]; Merton Lesley [b. 12-3-1878]; and Hallie Ethel [b. 4-8-1889].

Children of Thomas Wentz and Mary Jane Penny

HARRIET ELIZABETH WENTZ,[6] b. 5-12-1846. d. 7-22-1847. Buried in Bethesda Cemetery, Martic Township, Lancaster County, Pa.

ELMIRA WENTZ,[6] b. 4-21-1848. m. 6-9-1867 to David Earnhart. [b. 11-14-1842. d. 3-22-1927], son of Joseph and Susanna Rittenhouse Earnhart. c. Early and Bertha.

Elmira [Ellie] Wentz Earnhart and David Earnhart started housekeeping on the Earnhart Farm on the road from Liberty Square to Hopkin's Mill, Drumore Township, Lancaster County, Pa., where they lived for twenty-five years. They then moved to Wentz's Mill on Muddy Run in Martic Township, Lancaster County, Pa., and lived in the new frame house built by the Wentz's, opposite the old stone house. David Earnhart operated the mill and shortly

afterward he bought the new house and adjoining mill, at which time he had rollers and other machinery installed for the milling of wheat flour; previous to which time this mill ground wheat on burrs, or millstones. Subsequently, he bought additional land from the Wentz property, includ-

ELMIRA WENTZ EARNHART
Daughter of Thomas and Mary Jane Penny Wentz

ing the meadow, mill-dam, head-race, etc. At the death of his father-in-law, Thomas Wentz, he purchased the remainder of the Wentz property. In 1916 they built a brick house at 56 North Fourth Street in Oxford, Chester County, Pa., selling all of the property acquired at different times from the Wentz estate to Charles L. Harner of Martic Township, Lancaster County, Pa.

Elmira Wentz and her husband were active in their church work from their earliest years. She was especially active in temperance societies, the Ladies' Aid Society, and Sabbath School of Bethesda Methodist Church in Martic Township, and the King's Daughters, which fine Christian service she continued to render when she and her husband

transferred their active membership to the Oxford Methodist Church, following the establishment of their home in Oxford. With her advancing years, her active church work has to some degree become limited, still, at ninety years of age [1938], being mentally and physically alert, she frequently attends her church and is very active in the household duties in her home. A wealth of early data on the Wentz families have been furnished by her, which has been used in this family history.

On the occasion of her 90th birthday, the Quarryville Sun, Lancaster, County, Pa., published the following in its issue of May 13, 1938:

"MRS. EARNHART HONORED ON 90TH ANNIVERSARY

Mrs. Elmira Earnhart, wife of the late David Earnhart, of Oxford, Pa., celebrated her 90th birthday anniversary on April 21. During the day many callers congratulated her, and she received many tokens, fifty some cards and letters in honor of her birthday, among them two air mail letters, one from Kansas City, Kansas, and one from Temple, Arizona.

"In the evening, a gathering of her immediate family joined in a family circle of singing and games and remarks appropriate to such an outstanding occasion. Included in the family circle was Mrs. Earnhart's only surviving cousin of her generation, Mrs. Louisa Wentz. While she has many cousins in the younger generation, only those residing in Oxford attended the birthday party. In addition to Mrs. Wentz, those who surrounded Mrs. Earnhart on this evening were her son, Early Earnhart; her daughter, Miss Bertha Earnhart; and her grandsons and their wives, Mr. and Mrs. Harold B. Earnhart and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond T. Earnhart; her pastor and wife, of the Oxford Methodist Church, the Rev. and Mrs. Alexander: and the following: Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Bunting, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Shoemaker, Mrs. Roy Eshleman, Miss Irene Shoemaker, Mrs. Mary Kirk, Mrs. Lena Bishop and Captain Harry T. Lewis.

"Previous to establishing their home in Oxford many years ago, the Earnharts lived at Wentz's Mill, near Bethesda, and they were widely known in Lancaster County. The timely remarks of her pastor at her birthday party voiced the feelings, not only of those present, but hosts of other well-wishers, in paying tribute to one who has lived so long and so useful a life as Mrs. Earnhart."

Elmira Wentz's husband, David Earnhart, was known for his zeal to his church and in the cause of educational work and fraternal organizations. He was widely respected for his commanding presence, his keen intellect, his stern conscientiousness and sound judgment upon all matters pertaining to the common welfare of his community. He was an able public speaker, and at the lyceums and other gatherings of his day debated issues with a marked ability in a calm, intelligent and convincing manner. While still living on the Earnhart Farm, he served for a time as a member of Drumore Township School Board, laboring earnestly for the improvement of the schools in the township. Upon acquiring the Wentz Mill he was as progressive and successful a miller as he had been a farmer, improving the property and keeping the mill equipment modernized and in the state of highest efficiency. As a faithful member of the Bethesda Methodist Church he aided in furthering its spiritual influence through his different official capacities in the church. At the time the church was rebuilt in 1895 he was Sabbath School Superintendent. He and his wife, as well as her father and mother, Thomas and Mary Jane Wentz, were among the pioneers of the Rawlinsville Camp-meeting, instituted in 1886, and which, over fifty years later, is still [1938] an outstanding annual religious event every August in lower Lancaster County. Nothing could deter David Earnhart from regular attendance at the meetings of his fraternal organizations in Rawlinsville—the Kosciusko Lodge, No. 374, Independent Order of the Odd Fellows, and his Post of the Grand Army of the Republic—giving long and faithful service to each organization and being honored by them by the bestowal upon him of their highest offices.

During the Civil War, David Earnhart served as Corporal, Company H, 122nd Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, which regiment actively campaigned throughout Virginia and in addition to many minor engagements was prominently engaged at the Battle of Fredericksburg, the Battle of Chancellorsville, and the Campaign of the Second Battle of Bull Run. His Brigade was making forced marches to

join in the Battle of Antietam in Maryland, when news reached his Regiment at Snicker's Gap, Virginia, that the battle had been won.

When he died, he and his family were living in the house they had built in Oxford, Pa. The family [Elmira Wentz Earnhart; her son, Early; and daughter, Bertha] still live [1938] in the North Fourth Street home in Oxford. He is buried in Oxford Cemetery.

[Above outlines of David and Elmira Earnhart supplied by Captain Harry Turner Lewis.]

ADELAIDE WENTZ,[6] b. 9-20-1850. d. 7-22-1853. Buried in Bethesda Cemetery, Martic Township, Lancaster County, Pa.

VIOLETTA WENTZ,[6] b. 2-18-1853. d. 1-13-1924. She was unmarried. She kept house for her parents until after their death. She then made her home with her sister, Elmira Earnhart, and went with her to live in their home in Oxford when the Earnharts moved from the old home property at the mill. She died at her sister's home in Oxford, and was buried in Bethesda Cemetery, Martic Township, Lancaster County, Pa., in the shadow of the old church which she and her family served so long and so faithfully.

WINFIELD SCOTT WENTZ,[6] b. 6-23-1861. d. 11-10-1865. Buried in Bethesda Cemetery, Martic Township, Lancaster County, Pa.

Children of Mary Maria Wentz and James Calhoun Penny

JOHN DAVID PENNY,[6] b. 6-14-1846. d. 4-20-1924. m. 11-16-1871 to Martha McPherson, [b. 5-21-1850. d. 11-8-1922]. She was a daughter of James Alexander and Lydia Steele McPherson, [Lydia being the daughter of Dr. James and Rachel Steele Ankrim]. c. Irena L., Mary Matilda, L. Grace, and Stella Calhoun.

John D. Penny was born in the old Penny house built by the Calhouns. When he was seven, his parents moved to the adjoining farm known as the James Penny farm. The farm is in Drumore Township, Lancaster County, Pa. His wedding took place at the McPherson homestead near Chest-

nut Level, the ceremony being performed by the bride's pastor, Rev. Linley C. Rutter, of Chestnut Level Presbyterian Church, where she had been a member since early life, a member of the choir, and active in the interests of the church. John D. Penny was an active member of the Chestnut Level Presbyterian Church, being trustee for several years and elder for forty-five. He and his wife are both buried in Chestnut Level Cemetery, Drumore Township, Lancaster County, Pa. The two rounded out a life useful not only to their family, but to many who found a home within the shelter of their hospitable home, consoling many who came needing kindly advice.

Children of Joseph Penny Wentz and Mary Elmira McCleary

HARRY EDWIN WENTZ,[7] b. 12-30-1862. d. 2-5-1934. m. Mary F. Roop, daughter of Josiah and Elmira Roop. [She was born 11-3-1876]. c. Harold Llewellyn, Zella Ankrim, Joseph Penny, M. Frederick, Mary Leah and Harry Edwin. Harry Edwin Wentz was an undertaker in Atglen, West Sadsbury Township, Chester County, Pa.

AURA ELTHEA WENTZ,[7] b. 1-30-1863. d. ———. 1892. m. May, 1885 to Thaddeus Dennis, son of Abraham and Rosanna Dennis. He was born in 1860 and died 1888. He was a storekeeper. c. Freedom Merle and Mary Joye. Freedom Merle was born in 1886 and died in 1887. The father and mother are buried in the German Reformed Cemetery in New Providence, Pa. [Lancaster County].

ZELLA FLORETTA WENTZ,[7] b. 10-23-1866. d. 9-10-1931. m. Dec., 1886 to Thomas Ross Ankrim, son of Samuel and Alice Lowe Ankrim, [b. Jan. 1865. d. June, 1929].

When they were first married Thomas Ankrim was a storekeeper. They lived in Elim and in Wakefield, but the greater part of their life was spent in Chestnut Level, Lancaster County, Pa., where they both were active in the Presbyterian Church. He died in Chestnut Level and she in Oxford, Chester County, Pa., at the home of her sister, Mrs. Maurice Bunting. They both are buried in Chestnut Level Cemetery, Lancaster County, Pa. c. Infant born 1888 and another infant born 1890, both of whom died.

SARA ELIZABETH WENTZ,[7] b. 10-10-1871. m. 12-18-1898 to Wililam Maurice Bunting, son of Nelson and Anna Bunting. He was born May 26, 1870. c. Frieda Mae, William Maurice, and Sara Elizabeth. When they were first married they lived on a farm near the Union, Lancaster County, Pa., moving later to Oxford, Chester County, where he engaged in the warehouse business.

MYRTLE ALICE WENTZ,[7] b. 4-3-1878. m. William Whitman, son of Edgar and Ada Witman, in 1900. c. Vaux Oram and Joseph Edgar. He was a farmer of Little Britain Township, Lancaster County, Pa.

Children of William James Wentz and Susan R. Rohrer

ANNA LABERTA WENTZ,[7] b. 7-28-1866. d. 1-17-1937. m. 5-2-1889 to Alfred W. Moyer, son of Elizabeth and Benjamin Moyer. [b. 9-14-1861]. c. Benjamin Willis and Alfred Wentz. Her husband, Alfred W. Moyer, was a jeweler in Lancaster where they lived all their married life. She is buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Lancaster, Pa.

JOHN ROHRER WENTZ,[7] b. 12-1-1867. m. 1832 to Ida M. Foulk [b. 9-15-1870]. c. Evelyn M., William J., Pearl S., Edna M., and Edith S. They live on a small farm near New Providence, Pa.

MARY B. WENTZ,[7] b. 12-23-1871. m. 11-1-1916 to Joseph Warden, a druggist in York, Pa. c. None.

B. FRANK WENTZ,[7] b. 5-23-1870. d. 3-16-1928. m 5-14-1896 to Kathrine Helm, daughter of Frank W. and Emma May LeFevre Helm. c. Adele.

B. Frank Wentz was a physician and practiced medicine in Philadelphia, Pa. He is buried in the Mennonite Burying Ground in New Providence, Lancaster County, Pa. His wife has gone to live with their daughter, Adele, in Ohio.

EMILY W. WENTZ,[7] b. 4-2-1873. m. 8-15-1921 to John Musselman, of Philadelphia, Pa. They both live in Philadelphia.

CHARLES E. WENTZ,[7] b. 2-26-1877. d. 1-2-1905 He had completed his work and been graduated from a

medical college in Philadelphia, had opened an office in New Providence, Lancaster County, Pa., and started to practice when he was stricken with typhoid fever from which he died.

Children of Hugh Penny Wentz and Margaret C. Steele.

WILLIAM DWIGHT WENTZ,[7] 2-16-1867. m. Florence Graham Chandler, daughter of Dewees W. and Kate Robinson Chandler, 8-6-1914. William Dwight Wentz is a teacher, having taught in Lancaster County, in Oxford, Pa., in Texas, and in Oxford, Miss.

EDGAR LUM WENTZ,[7] b. 8-25-1877. m. Mary Elizabeth Brown 11-14-1921. She is a daughter of John and Mary Thomas Brown. c. Margaret Esther, b. 5-2-1926, died same day. They live in Philadelphia, Pa.

MARGARET BLANCHE WENTZ,[7] b. 8-25-1880. m. 3-5-1902 to Howard Martin Long. He is a son of John J. and Mary McPherson Long. c. Margaret Wentz and Howard Martin, Jr.

At the time of their marriage, Howard Martin Long was in the warehouse business at McCall's Ferry, Lancaster County, Pa. They moved to Oxford, Chester County, Pa., where he again engaged in the warehouse business. At present [1938] he is in the milling business in Avondale, Chester County, Pa.

Children of John Wentz and Lucinda McPherson

CHARLES MELVILLE WENTZ,[7] b. 12-28-1873. m. Mary Ann Hamil 3-11-1897. d. 10-29-1916. c. Olin H., M. Lucie, Alice E., and J. Robert.

Charles Melville Wentz was a farmer and for many years lived near Cochranville, Chester County, Pa., where his wife died. Later he and his family moved to Philadelphia, Pa. His wife is buried in Chestnut Level Cemetery, Lancaster County, Pa. He now lives at Glenolden, Pa. [1938].

Children of John Wentz and Julia Heibeck

IRA FREEMAN WENTZ,[7] b. 5-22-1879. m. 1-3-1901

to Jennie Homsher, daughter of John and Lucy Homsher. c. John Freeman, b. 12-21-1904.

Ira Freeman Wentz was a storekeeper at Fairfield, Lancaster County, Pa., for many years. Later he moved to Lancaster, Pa., where he has been a long and faithful employee of Watt and Shand's Store.

JULIA MAUD WENTZ,[7] b. 9-11-1880. She was engaged for a number of years in clerical work in Philadelphia, Pa., and also as a nurse in Chapin Memorial Home for the Blind on Woodland Avenue in Philadelphia.

SARAH MAY WENTZ,[7] b. 7-6-1882. d. 10-17-1882.

EMILY WENTZ,[7] b. 12-16-1883. m. 10-21-1914 to Charles Buck, son of Francis M. and Emma J. Buck. They live in Succusanna, New Jersey. He is employed in a bank.

IVY BELLE WENTZ,[7] b. 3-23-1885. She holds a clerical position in Philadelphia, Pa., being a long and faithful employee of the American Pully Company of Philadelphia.

Children of Thomas Henry Wentz and Annie Barbara Roop

ALLETA M. WENTZ,[7] b. 1882. d. 11-4-1926. m. George Marshall, 1910. [b. 1878]. c. Nancy Wentz Marshall, b. 1917.

Alleta M. Wentz was born in Kirkwood, Pa. After her marriage she and her husband lived in Philadelphia, Pa. where she later died. She is buried in Longwood Friends' Burying Ground, Chester County, Pa.

PAUL ROOP WENTZ,[7] b. 1883. m. Clara Kohler 10-19-1912 [b. 1888], daughter of John Kohler, M.D., and Ella Storb. c. Mildred Ann [b. 1913, d. 1914], Thomas Henry [b. 1915], Helen Kohler [b. 1918], John Roop [b. 1921], and James William [b. 1922.]

Paul Roop Wentz was born in Kirkwood, Pa. He is a physician and practices medicine in New Holland, Pa .

MARY GERTRUDE WENTZ,[7] b. 1887. m. 6-24-1911, to Wade Johnson [b. 1885]. c. Tillman Davis [b. 1912] and Anna Jeanette [b. 1915.] Mary Gertrude Wentz was born in Kirkwood, Pa., and lives in Ogden, Utah.

JOSEPH CLAIR WENTZ,[7] b. 1897. m. Arline Stauffer [b. 1895], in 1920. c. Henry Stauffer [b. 1921] and

Robert Bruce [b. 1927]. Joseph Clair Wentz was born in Kirkwood, Pa., and lives in Leola, near New Holland, Pa.

Children of Sarah Emma Wentz and William Thomas Boyd

HUGH CLARENCE BOYD,[7] b. 2-20-1880. d. 10-14-1937. m. 5-20-1911 to Sarah Etta Stubbs, [b. 8-12-1880]. c. None. Hugh Clarence Boyd lived in Fairfield, Pennsylvania, and is buried at Chestnut Level, Lancaster County, Pa.

SARAH LETTA BOYD,[7] b. 4-14-1882. d. 3-30-1890. She is buried in Boyd's Family Burying Ground, Lancaster County, Pa.

Children of Hannah Laura Wentz and James M. McSparran

GUY FLEMING McSPARRAN,[7] b. 11-3-1880. m. 1-25-1905 to Hannah Penrose, daughter of Lukens and Rachel Penrose. She died 4-30-23 and was buried at Chestnut Level, Lancaster County, Pa. c. Joseph Everett [b. 3-8-1908] and Paul Lukens [b. 6-2-1916]. Guy Fleming McSparran was a farmer. He lived on his father-in-law's farm until after his wife's death, and then went to Centerville, Pa.

JOHN WALTER McSPARRAN,[7] b. 9-4-1882. m. 6-1-1905 to Carrie Boyd, daughter of James and Elizabeth Boyd, [b. 6-1-1905. d. 5-23-1937]. c. Jean Elizabeth [b. 6-23-1907], James Warren [b. 2-4-1916, d. 2-17-1916], John Harold [b. 11-21-1917], and Robert Boyd [b. 7-26-1920]. For many years John Walter McSparran has been a highly successful storekeeper at Hensel, Lancaster County, Pa.

ELWOOD WENTZ McSPARRAN,[7] b. 3-28-1885. m. 7-23-1907 to Mary Nicholson, daughter of Professor and Agnes Nicholson. c. Helen Nicholson [b. 2-4-1910], and Thomas James [7-29-1914. d. 1-19-1924]. Elwood Wentz McSparran is in a bank in Baltimore, Maryland.

CLYDE McSPARRAN,[7] b. 9-29-1889. m. 11-21-1914 to Emeline Shoemaker, daughter of Charles and Ellie Cutler Shoemaker. Clyde McSparran is a farmer and lives on his father's farm.

SARAH ELIZABETH McSPARRAN,[7] b. 5-8-1895. d. 9-12-1897. She is buried in Chestnut Level Cemetery, Lancaster County, Pa.

JAMES EDGAR McSPARRAN,[7] b. 9-23-1898. m. 5-3-1927 to Emmeline Smith, daughter of Charles Smith. c. Ruth Middleton [b. 12-21-1931]. James Edgar McSparran has a drug store in Palmerton, Pensylvania.

Children of Harriet Elizabeth Wentz and John McComb

MAYBELLE E. McCOMB,[7] b. 10-13-1884. m. 11-8-1906 to Thomas Reed Ferguson [b. 2-21-1885. d. 10-2-1918], son of Thomas Elwood and Anna Margaret Ferguson. c. Thomas Reed, Jr., [b. 5-11-1915].

Thomas Reed Ferguson was a physician. He located at Kirkwood, Pa., and took up the practice of his wife's uncle, Dr. Thomas H. Wentz. He is buried in Union Cemetery, Lancaster County, Pa. Maybelle E. McComb taught school before her marriage, and following her husband's death, resumed teaching.

HELEN MATILDA McCOMB,[7] b. 8-26-1889. d. 11-13-1914. She is buried at Chestnut Level, Lancaster County, Pa.

Children of David Lednum Wentz and Lydia Isabelle Hichell

DAISY WENTZ,[7] b. 11-1-1871 at Chatham, Illinois. m. Hardy L. Frost [b. 3-5-1872. d. 11-14-1906]. c. Bernice [b. 3-9-1903] and Hardy Lee [b. 11-24-1904]. Bernice married Sam Sims and they have one son, Benny Joe. Hardy Lee married Thelma Watkins [b. 9-5-1905] and they have one son. Daisy Wentz's husband was killed in the line of duty in 1906 while with the Kansas City Southern Railway at Waldron, Arkansas. She is now living [1938] in Pittsburg, Kansas.

JOHN ISAAC WENTZ,[7] b. 9-6-1873. d. 9-2-1932. m. Effie Ellen Hichell [b. 1-30-1882]. c. Orin Hichell [b. 5-10-1910], Don L. [b. 12-26-1913], Estella Ilean [b. 3-20-1916], and James Lyle [b. 1-21-1926]. John Isaac Wentz was born at Chatham, Illinois, and is buried at Sulphur Springs, Arkansas. His wife was born at Sulphur Springs, Ark., and she is now [1938] living on a farm near Sulphur Springs, Ark.

JAMES DAVID WENTZ,[7] b. 11-25-1878 at Towandi, Illinois. m. 7-30-1901 to Eulalah I. Preston at Pineville, Arkansas. c. John E., David William, Glen Preston, Paul A., Eula Maxine, Eva Marie and Jack Earl [See VIII]. James David Wentz's wife was born at Tahlequah, Indian Terirtory [now Oklahoma], May 15, 1885. They now live [1938] at Grandview, Missouri.

Children of Mary Margaret Wentz and Elias Aument

EDGAR WENTZ AUMENT,[7] b. 11-8-1862. d. 9-14-1863.

CLARISSA HANNAH AUMENT,[7] b. 4-13-1864. d. 3-11-1865.

WILLIAM JACOB AUMENT,[7] b. 1-21-1866. d. 4-6-1914. m. 12-11-1890 to Sarah Elizabeth Keen [b. 11-30-1868], daughter of Henry Keen and Lydia Shaub. c. Clarence Keen [died in infancy], Leila Estella [b. 6-14-1895], and Ona Mary [b. 7-13-1909]. William Jacob Aument was a farmer in Lancaster County, Pa., and when he died at his home was buried in Quarryville Cemetery.

SARAH ESTELLA AUMENT,[7] b. 11-7-1868. m. 1-29-1891 to Benjamin Edgar Fritz [b. 3-12-1868. d. 2-21-1923], son of Jacob Fritz and Abbie Ann Hess. c. Edgar Aument [b. 7-28-1894]. Sarah Estelle Aument's husband operated a store at West Willow, Lancaster County, Pa., and was afterward a butcher in Quarryyvile, Lancaster County, Pa. He is buried in the Quarryville Cemetery.

ELIAS IRVIN AUMENT,[7] b. 7-8-1872. m. 6-14-1894 to Amanda Denlinger [b. 10-2-1869. d. 5-8-1922], daughter of Jacob Denlinger and Barbara Hershey. c. Pearl D. [b. 12-25-1895], Edna A. [b. 10-2-1896] and Roy J. [b. 1-19-1901]. Elias Irvin Aument was a farmer near Quarryyville, Lancaster County, Pa., and is now retired, living in Quarryvile.

CYRUS CLIFFORD AUMENT,[7] b. 3-5-1876. m. 10-29-1902 to Myrtle Ingram, [b. 7-24-1877], daughter of William Ingram and Martha McElwain. c. William Evert [b. 7-22-1903] and Velma Mary [b. 10-1-1910]. For many years Cyrus Clifford Aument kept a store at Fairfield, Lan-

caster County, Pa., then retired and moved to Quarryville, Lancaster County, Pa.

Children of Isaac James Wentz and Martha Miller

CORA ELLEN WENTZ,[7] b. 9-27-1871. d. 1-7-1932. m. 1-14-1892 to Saunders Andrew Wilson [b 12-4-1869], son of Johnathan M. and Rebecca Runner Wilson. c. Erma L. [b. 6-1-1894], Aletha R. [b. 11-15-1899], and Wililam W. [b. 7-13-1911—died in infancy]. Cora Ellen Wentz's husband is in the insurance business. They have lived in Lancaster, Pembrooke and Harrisburg, Pa. She is buried by the side of her parents in Colonial Park Cemetery, near Harrisburg, Pa.

Children of William Henry Wentz and Louisa Agnes Yost

WALTER WENTZ[7] b. 6-19-1873. d. 3-14-1875.

C. ELVIN WENTZ,[7] b. 10-14-1876. m. 10-22-1910 to Viola Webster, [b. 10-15-1876], daughter of Chalkley and Margaret Webster. c. None. C. Elvin Wentz is a house-painter and lives in Rawlinsville, Lancaster County, Pa. He is Tax Collector in Martic Township, as were his father and grandfather.

LEILA WENTZ,[7] b. 9-14-1883. m. 9-14-1904 to Edgar Roy Eshleman, [b. 9-17-1882], son of Benjamin F. and Emma Eshelman. c. Paul E. [b. 5-29-1905. d. 9-12-1905], Dorothy Musetta [b. 5-2-1917], Sarah Elizabeth [b. 1-11-1921], and Edgar Roy, Jr., [b. 6-30-1924].

Leila Wentz's husband, the Reverend Roy Eshleman, is a Methodist minister and they live near Coatesville, Chester County, Pa. He has preached at Mount Pleasant, at Friendship, and at South Hill, all near Coatesville, Pa. He has also been employed as a steel tester at the Lukens Steel Plant in Coatesville.

Children of Sarah Susan Spear and Hugh McKerral

JOHN HUGH McKERRAL,[7] b. 1857. d. 3-23-1907.

ZELLAH MARGARET McKERRALL,[7] b. 4-21-1860. d. 5-12-1912. m. 12-29-1881 to Daniel Bowles. c. Faith Lenora, Ralph McKerral, Flavius Josephus and Daniel. Zellah

Margaret McKerral died suddenly while sitting in a chair talking to a friend.

MARY MATILDA McKERRAL,[7] b. 2-13-1863. d. 1-26-1891. m. George Ladd 11-25-1886. c. Gracie and Leigh H. Mary Matilda McKerral died with black-tongue diphtheria. Her small daughter, Gracie [b. Aug. 1888, d. Jan. 1891] died about the same time [only a few days apart].

JAMES SPEAR McKERRAL,[7] b. 9-22-1869.

MARTHA IDA McKERRAL,[7] b. 4-20-1873. m. 1-3-1905 to Hiram Lockard. c. One son, name not known, [b. 4-20-1909. d. 4-24-1909].

FRANK SPEAR McKERRAL.[7] [Dates unknown]. He went to Iowa, where he lived, died, and was buried.

Children of Joseph Lybrand Spear and Mary E. Carpenter

EMMA JANE SPEAR,[7] b. 1866. d. 1909. m. 1-12-1893 to Horatio Wales, II., [b. 1853. d. 12-31-1937]. She was an accomplished pianist. c. Horatio, III, and Frank Spear and Helen Marcia [twins].

HARRY ELBERT SPEAR,[7] b. 1868. m. 6-1-1893 to Ruth Perkins, [b. 1869]. c. Louise and Charles Perkins.

MABEL GRACE SPEAR,[7] b. 1873. m. 9-21-1898 to William Beresford Beck, [b. 1871]. c. Beresford E., Joseph Spear and Elizabeth.

FRANK CARPENTER SPEAR,[7] b. 1876. m. 1907 to Mary Smith. c. Hazel Nell [b. 1911].

Children of Mary L. Wentz and William Morrison

ALICE A. MORRISON,[7] b. 5-5-1851. d. 1-7-1932. m. 11-23-1882 to Frank McPherson, son of James and Lydia McPherson. [He was born in 1853 and died 3-10-1887]. c. None.

Alice A. Morrison McPherson was a dressmaker. They lived in Washington, D. C., also at Fairfield and at Chestnut Level, Lancaster County, Pa. She died at the home of James M. McSparran.

LORETTA R. MORRISON,[7] b. 3-25-1853. d. 9-12-1891. Unmarried. She lived at home with her parents and

died while they were living on the farm near the Buck, Drumore Township, Lancaster County, Pa. She is buried at Chestnut Level, Lancaster County, Pa.

Children of Mary Matilda Penny and Henry Pegan

IDA MELISSA PEGAN,[7] b. 11-21-1858. d. 12-21-1922. m. Samuel Adams Grove [b. 1855, d. 1931], son of John and Ann Grove. c. John Evelyn, Francis Henry, Wayne Penny, William Allison, Clair Jameson, Samuel Merton, Anna Matilda, Sarah Mary, James Russell and Samuel Gail.

Ida Melissa Pegan and Samuel Adams Grove were married at Samuel Adams' residence near Muddy Creek, York County, Pa. She was born in Lancaster County, Pa., and died at Longstown, York County, Pa. Her husband was a York County farmer, and he died at Longstown. They are both buried in Guinston Friends' Burying Ground, York County, Pa.

ALICE EVA PEGAN,[7] b. 2-29-1860. d. 9-21-1895. m. 11-23-1893 Wilkie Grove, son of John and Martha Grove of near Muddy Creek, York County, Pa. c. Paul B. [b. 12-?-1894. d. ————]. Alice Eva Pegan's husband was a farmer in York County, Pa. She is buried in Guinston Friends' Burying Ground, York County, Pa.

MARY LENA PEGAN,[7] b. 7-4-1864. m. 1892 Robert E. Wickersham [b. 4-30-1864], son of John and Catherine Wickersham. c. John Clyde [b. 4-28-1894] and Mary Adelaide [b. 6-8-1904]. Mary Lena Pegan's husband is a carpenter, and they live in Russellville, Chester County, Pa.

Children of Joseph Penny and Hannah Mary Pusey

ANNA MAY PENNY,[7] b. 12-27-1871. d. 3-26-1939. After the death of her father, Anna May Penny and her mother lived at the Union, Lancaster County, Pa., later they moved to Oxford, Chester County, Pa., and then back to the home place, where her mother died in 1936. Anna May Penny is buried in the Union Cemetery, Lancaster County, Pa.

CHEYNEY PENNY,[7] b. 7-14-1873. m. 11-22-1900

Belle McConnell, [b. 2-16-1874], daughter of Abram and Matilda McConnell. c. Lila Mae [b. 3-8-1902]. Cheyney Penny is a farmer and lives on the old home place—his father's—near Spruce Grove, Coleraine Township, Lancaster County, Pa.

Children of Maria Jane Penny and Aldus Aument

BERTIE L. AUMENT,[7] b. 3-8-1876. m. 11-8-1900 to Walter W. Boyd, [b. 8-21-1875. d. 3-24-1938], son of James and Elizabeth McPherson Boyd. c. Dorothy Maria [b. 9-9-1906] and Donald J. [b. 1-1-1913].

Bertie Aument Boyd's husband was a successful storekeeper at Silver Spring, Lancaster County, Pa., for several years; then they moved to Philadelphia, Pa., where he had a drug store. He is buried in the Quarryville Cemetery, Quarryville, Lancaster County, Pa.

LAWRENCE A. AUMENT,[7] b. 9-16-1881. m. 12-10-1908 to Anna Helm, [b. 12-13-1885], daughter of Daniel and Sallie Bower Helm. c. Kenneth A., [b. 10-1-1909], Horace D., [b 10-14-1910], Miriam H., [b. 1-25-1912], Jay L., [b. 7-4-1913], Glendon W., [b. 10-22-1915], d. 3-21-1917], Harold E., [b. 12-23-1918], Ralph W., [b. 8-29-1920. d. 4-22-1921], Frank W., [b. 10-19-1922], Anna Jane, [b. 11-25-1923. d. 2-25-1925], and Lewis [b. 1-24-1926].

Lawrence A. Aument is a successful farmer and lives on his father's farm near Quarryville, Pennsylvania.

Children of Hugh James Penny and Elizabeth Philips

LUCIE CALHOUN PENNY,[7] b. 9-25-1894. m. 11-27-19220 to Lewis Krauser Philips [b. 6-17-1894], son of Keeley and Frances Matilda Philips. c. Paul Lewis [b. 4-13-1924] and Lucile Elizabeth [b. 1-7-1929].

Lucie Calhoun Penny is a graduate of Oxford High School and West Chester Normal School. Chester County, Pa. Before her marriage, she taught school. Following her marriage, they lived on the farm belonging to her husband's mother, near Glenmore, Pa. Later she and her husband bought the greenhouse property on the corner of Mar-

ket and Marshall Streets, Oxford, Chester County, Pa., where they are operating a successful business.

Children of Emma Lora Penny and William Fenton Overholt

CLARENCE IRVING OVERHOLT,[7] b. 2-1-1877. d. 10-1-1878.

MERTON LESLEY OVERHOLT,[7] b. 12-3-1878. m. [1] 4-23-1903 Katherine Ceceila Hitaffer [b. 1-17-1883]. c. Leslie Merton [b. 3-18-1906] and William Fenton and Katherine, twins, [b. 11-24-1913]. m. [2] 12-24-1929 Mazie Louisa Reynolds, [b. 7-24-1892], daughter of Henry C. Reynolds and Ida Belle Boyer. c. None. Merton Lesley Overholt has a large store in Baltimore, Maryland.

HALLIE ETHEL OVERHOLT,[7] b. 4-8-1888. m. 4-5-1911 Horace Eugene Weinagle, [b. 10-5-1888], a son of George Leonard Weinagle and Sara Jane Klages. c. Ethel Lora [b. 4-23-1915].

Children of Elmira Wentz and David Earnhart

EARLY EARNHART,[7] b. 10-10-1868. m. 12-8-1892 Jessie Wynona Lamborn, [b. 10-12-1868. d. 1-23-1916], daughter of William and Phoebe Barnard Lamborn. c. Harold Barnard [b. 12-22-1893], and Raymond Thomas [b. 3-2-1900].

Early Earnhart was a farmer and he and his wife, Wynona, lived on the Earnhart Farm in Drumore Township, Lancaster County, Pa., for several years. In 1914, he and his family moved to Oxford, Chester County, Pa., where he has since worked at carpentering and cabinet making. It was here that his wife died. She is buried in Drumore Friends' Burying Grounds, Lancaster County, Pa. He is now [1938] living in the home on North Fourth Street, Oxford, Chester County, Pa., with his mother and sister.

BERTHA EARNHART,[7] b. 5-21-1872. She was born at the Earnhart Farm, Drumore Township, and moved with her parents to the Wentz's Mill, Martic Township, Lancaster County, Pa. She attended Millersville State Normal School, Millersville, Pa. She was for many years a seamstress and made her home with her parents. At the present

time [1938] she is living with her mother and brother at the home on North Fourth Street, Oxford, Chester County, Pa. She has devoted many years of painstaking research

BERTHA EARNHART
Daughter of Elmira Wentz Earnhart

to the records and other information on the descendants of Peter Wentz I. She has been a Sunday School teacher and leader in the Queen Esther work in the Oxford Methodist Church for many years, and has been active in the King's Daughters in both Lancaster and Chester Counties.

[Above outlines of Early and Bertha Earnhart supplied by Captain Harry Turner Lewis].

Children of John D. Penny and Martha Matilda McPherson

IRENA L. PENNY,[7] b. 4-5-1873. She attended Chestnut Level Academy and was active in church work while health permitted. She is unmarried and continues to live on the farm left by her father, located near the Buck in Drumore Township, Lancaster County, Pa. She has aided materially in the obtaining of data pertaining to this family history.

MARY MATILDA PENNY,[7] b. 11-10-1874. d. 4-18-1921. Graduate of Millersville State Normal School, Millersville, Lancaster County, Pa., in 1896, and in 1898 received her degree as Bachelor of Pedagogy, and in 1901 received the degree of Master of Pedagogy from the same institution. She taught school several years, endearing herself to many under her care as well as to members of her Sunday School class, by her gentle, modest, Christian life. Her death was caused by pneumonia. She is buried at Chestnut Level, Lancaster County, Pa.

GRACE PENNY,[7] b. 7-28-1877. m. 12-13-1905 Lawrence Shoemaker, son of Leander and Leora Kent Shoemaker. c. Helen Maria [b. 12-2-1906. d. 9-17-1932], Reba Penny [b. 6-27-1910], and Esther Elizabeth [b. 3-11-1919].

Grace Penny early in life joined the church of her parents. She remained in the home assisting her mother with church and household duties until her marriage. Grace Penny's husband was a farmer and they lived for some time in Little Britain Township, Lancaster County, Pa. Later they moved to Oxford, Chester County, Pa., where he engaged in the warehouse business, under the firm name of Oxford Grain and Hay Company.

STELLA CALHOUN PENNY,[7] b. 12-20-1884. m. 4-11-1925 to Oscar R. Cecil, son of George H. and Artie M. Anderson Cecil, of Evansville, Ind.

Stella Calhoun Penny was a nurse, attending Milersville Normal School and graduating from Walters Park School of Nursing and Philadelphia Nursing School. She early joined the Presbyterian Church and has its interests at heart. She and her husband live on her father's farm near the Buck, Drumore Township, Lancaster County, Pa.

Children of Sarah Elizabeth Wentz and William Maurice Bunting

FRIEDA MAE BUNTING,[8] b. 12-14-1903. m. 9-17-1938 to George James Kasisky. Graduate of Oxford High School, Chester County, Pa. Graduate of Temple University, Philadelphia, Pa. Taught several years in Franklin, New Jersey, then two years in Wyomissing, Pa., returning

to Franklin, N. J., to teach several more years. Attended Columbia University, New York, N. Y., one year, working for her Master's Degree. She is now [1938] teaching sociology in Auburn, N. Y.

WILLIAM MAURICE BUNTING,[8] b. 12-9-1905. d. 2-14-1913. He was an unusually attractive child. His death was caused by infantile paralysis. He is buried in Oxford Cemetery, Chester County, Pa.

SARAH ELIZABETH BUNTING,[8] b. 7-2-1913. Graduate of Oxford High School, Chester County, Pa. One year at Linden Hall Seminary, Lititz, Lancaster County, Pa. Graduate of the Pierce Business College, Philadelphia, Pa. She is now [1938] employed in the National Bank of Oxford, Chester County, Pa. She lives at home with her parents.

Children of Myrtle Alice Wentz and William Witman

VAUX ORAM WITMAN,[8] b. 5-9-1902.

JOSEPH EDGAR WITMAN,[8] b. 4-14-1904. m. 8-25-1933 Ailene Warsing, [b. 7-18-1915]. c. Patricia Ann [b. 11-13-1936].

Children of Anna Laberta Wentz and Alfred Moyer

BENJAMIN WILLIS MOYER,[8] b. 3-16-1891. m. 4-11-1922 Cassandra Durgin of Baltimore, Maryland. c. Willis Durgin [b. 5-23-1924]. Benjamin Willis Moyer is a wholesale jeweler, president-manager of the Non-Retailing Co., Lancaster, Pa.

ALFRED WENTZ MOYER,[8] b. 10-11-1893. m. 4-15-1920 Helen Risser of Rohrerstown, Pa. c. Sara Jane [b. 6-2-1921], and Mary Anne [b. 1-30-1924]. Alfred Wentz Moyer is also a wholesale jeweler, president-manager of Alfred W. Moyer, Inc., Lancaster, Pa.

Children of John Rohrer Wentz and Ida M. Foulk

EVELYN M. WENTZ,[8] b. 2-27-1893. m. Walter S. Kerstetter. c. Elizabeth [b. 8-27-1915].

WILLIAM J. WENTZ,[8] b. 1-16-1897. m. Edna E. Walstron. c. Charles Edgar [b. 5-3-1920. d. 10-13-1920]; Elsie May [b. 12-26-1922]; Madelona Adele [b. 1-29-1927]; Anna Mary [b. 3-22-1929. d. 4-7-1931].

PEARL S. WENTZ,[8] b. 1-29-1903. m. Samuel P. Brown. c. Russell Eugene [b. 1-5-1924]; Earl Leroy [b. 1-12-1925].

EDNA M. WENTZ,[8] b. ———. m. Raymond O. Ross. c. Geraldine Adele [b. 1-18-1926]; Vella Arlene [b. 3-12-1928]; Carl William [b. 3-13-1930], and Vera Normia [b. 4-9-1931].

EDITH S. WENTZ,[8] b. 2-1-1916. d. 3-7-1923.

Children of B. Frank Wentz and Catherine Helm

ADELE WENTZ,[8] b. 10-19-1898. m. Dr. Graeme Mitchell, Cincinnati, Ohio. [b. 2-22-1889]. c. Cathryne and Marine [twins], [b. 12-2-1922].

Children of Margaret Blanche Wentz and Howard Martin Long

MARGARET WENTZ LONG,[8] b. 1-19-1906. m. 8-22-1926 Silas Robert Scott, son of Leiper W. Scott and Florence Herr.

HOWARD MARTIN LONG,[8] b. 10-23-1921.

Children of Charles Melville Wentz and Mary Ann Hamil

OLIN H. WENTZ,[8] b. 9-7-1898.

M. LUCIE WENTZ,[8] b. 9-15-1899.

ALICE E. WENTZ,[8] b. 12-17-1904.

J. ROBERT WENTZ,[8] b. 11-12-1905. d. 2-7-1935. He is buried in Chestnut Level Cemetery, Lancaster County, Pa.

Children of Ira Freeman Wentz and Jennie Homsher

JOHN FREEMAN WENTZ,[8] b. 12-21-1904. m. Irene Klick, daughter of Hiram and Caroline Klick. c. Caroline Elizabeth, [b. 11-5-1927].

Children of Alleta M. Wentz and George Marshall

NANCY WENTZ MARSHALL,[8] b. 1917.

Children of Paul Roop Wentz and Clara Kohler

THOMAS HENRY WENTZ,[8] b. 1915.

HELEN KOHLER WENTZ,[8] b. 1918.

JOHN ROOP WENTZ,[8] b. 1921.

JAMES WILLIAM WENTZ,[8] b. 1922.

Children of Joseph Clair Wentz and Arline Stauffer

HENRY STAUFFER WENTZ,[8] b. 1921.

ROBERT BRUCE WENTZ,[8] b. 1928.

Children of Zellah Margaret McKerral and Daniel Bowles

FAITH LEONORA BOWLES,[8] b. 4-14-1883. m. 6-20-1906 to Julius Schmidt, an Army quartermaster at Ft. Logan, near Denver. c. Genevieve [b. 3-13-1907]; Zella [b. 1911] and Lucile Martha [b. 1917].

RALPH McKERRAL BOWLES,[8] b. 3-3-1885. m. ——. c. One daughter.

FLAVIUS JOSEPHUS BOWLES,[8] b. ————. m. ————. c. Flavius, Jr., [died at three years of age], and Genevieve Fauls [she had one daughter, Sally Ann].

DANIEL BOWLES.[8] No record.

Children of Mary Matilda McKerral and George Ladd

GRACIE LADD,[8] b. Aug. 1888. d. Jan. 1891.

LEIGH H. LADD,[8] b.————. m. Nila Schmidt.

Children of Emma Jane Spear and Horatio Wales, II.

HORATIO WALES, III,[8] b. 1894. m. 1920 to Merle Owens. c. Robert [b. 1921], Charles [b. 1926]. Dr. Wales has been a chemist at the Government Experimental Farm in Washington, D. C., since his graduation from Amherst.

FRANK SPEAR WALES,[8] b. 1898. [Twin of Helen]. m. 1919 to Carrie Lichty. c. Elizabeth [b. 1921], and Joyce [b. 1936.]

HELEN MARCIA WALES,[8] b. 1898. [Twin of Frank]. m. 1926 to M. Arthur Swanson. c. Elizabeth Marcia [b. 1936].

Children of Harry Elbert Spear and Ruth Perkins

LOUISE SPEAR,[8] b. 1904. m. 1927 to Charles Franks. c. Sarah Elizabeth [b. 1928]; Harriet Ruth [b. 1930]; and Joan [b. 1937]. Louise Spear was educated at Rockford College and the University of Illinois and taught English before her marriage.

CHARLES PERKINS SPEAR,[8] b. 1908. m. 1931 to Mary Graham. c. William David [b. 1933].

Children of Mabel Grace Spear and William Beresford Beck

BERESFORD E. BECK,[8] b. 1902. m. ————. c. David Beresford [b. 1937]. Beresford Beck, who was educated at Andover and Yale, is an architect.

JOSEPH SPEAR BECK,[8] b. 1905. Joseph Beck, who graduated from Northwestern, is an insurance broker.

ELIZABETH BECK,[8] b. 1909. m. Rev. John Heuss, a native of New York, now rector of St. Matthew's Church, Evanston, Ill. c. Gwenith Ann, b. 1938. After Elizabeth Beck graduated from Northwestern, she was secretary to the Curator of the Mureum of Natural Science in Lincoln Park, Chicago.

Children of Frank Carpenter Spear and Mary Smith

HAZEL NELL SPEAR,[8] b. ————. m. ————, Seyler. c. ————. Hazel Nell Spear graduated from Oxford, Ohio, and taught English. She now lives in Woodstown, N. J., where her husband is a chemist for duPont.

Children of Harry Edwin Wentz and Mary F. Roop

HAROLD LLEWELLYN WENTZ,[8] b. 10-22-1898. Harold Llewellyn Wentz left school in 1917 to enlist in the Army during the World War, returning home after the war. He graduated from the Coatesville High School, Chester County, Pa., and is also a graduate of Lafayette College. He is a Civil Engineer and at present [1938] is employed with the Pensylvania State Highway Department.

ZELLA ANKRIM WENTZ,[8] b. 1-10-1901. m. 8-1-1935 to F. Russell Shenton. Zella Ankrim Wentz Shenton is a graduate of Coatesville High School, Chester County, Pa. She attended West Chester Normal School, West Chester, Pa., and also attended Columbia University, New York, N. Y., for two years, where she received her degree. She taught private schools on Long Island, N. Y., and since her marriage is still teaching in private schools. Her husband is an instructor in music in East Orange, New Jersey.

JOSEPH PENNY WENTZ,[8] b. 3-9-1903 m. 8-24-1929 Ferne Dessan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank R. Dessan. Joseph Penny Wentz is an undertaker in Atglen, Pa., having taken up his father's work. His brother, Harry Edwin, Jr., is associated with him in this work.

M. FREDERICK WENTZ,[8] b. 9-16-1906. m. 6-22-1938

Mary Catherine Moomau. c. Mary Patricia [b. 3-17-1939]. He is employed in the bank at Atglen, Pa.

MARY LEAH WENTZ,[8] b. 3-15-1908. She is a graduate of Coatesville High School, Chester County, Pa., and of West Chester Normal School, West Chester, Pa. She lives at home with her mother in Atglen, Pa.

HARRY EDWIN WENTZ, JR.,[8] b. 2-23-1909. m. 8-17-1935 Margaret McGovern, daughter of Francis Henry and Sarah Cecile McGovern. Harry Edwin Wentz is associated with his brother, Joseph, in the undertaking business, formerly operated by their father, in Atglen, Pa.

Children of Aura Elthea Wentz and Thaddeus Dennis

MARY JOYE DENNIS, b. 2-6-1888. m. Alva M. Ankrim, son of J. Martin and Clorinda Ankrim. c. Thomas Richard, [b. 1-29-1924]. Mary Joye Dennis Ankrim's home is in Lancaster, Pa. Her husband has a position there with the Armstrong Linoleum Company.

Children of Guy Fleming McSparran and Hannah Penrose

JOSEPH EVERETT McSPARRAN,[8] b. 3-8-1908. m. 2-22-1935 Mary Harriet Barnett, [b. 1-14-1907], daughter of Bruce and Elizabeth Barnett.

PAUL LUKENS McSPARRAN,[8] b. 6-2-1916.

Children of John Walter McSparran and Carrie Boyd

JEAN ELIZABETH McSPARRAN,[8] b. 6-23-1907. m. 6-27-1936 James Frederick Estep, [b. 8-29-1906]. Jean Elizabeth McSparran is a graduate of Wilson College, Chambersburg, Pa.

JAMES WARREN McSPARRAN,[8] b. 2-4-1916. d. 2-17-1916.

JOHN HAROLD McSPARRAN,[8] b. 11-21-1917.

ROBERT BOYD McSPARRAN,[8] b. 7-26-1920.

Children of Elwood Wentz McSparran and Mary Nicholson

HELEN NICHOLSON McSPARRAN,[8] b. 2-4-1910. d. 11-11-1937.

THOMAS JAMES McSPARRAN,[8] b. 7-29-1914. d. 1-19-1924.

Children of James Edgar McSparran and Emmeline Smith

RUTH MIDDLETON McSPARRAN,[8] b. 12-21-1931.

Children of Maybelle E. McComb and Dr. Thomas Reed Ferguson

THOMAS REED FERGUSON, Jr.,[8] b. 5-11-1915. Graduated from Coleraine High School through the Quarryville High School, Lancaster County, Pa. Graduate of West Chester State Teachers' College, and Penn State. Now [1938] working for his M.A. degree at the University of Pennsylvania. Teacher of Art in Avon-Grove Consolidated School in Chester Co., Pa., 1937-38. He wrote and directed a pageant entitled, "A Century of Achievement," with eighty in the cast and presented it at the Union Presbyterian Church, Union, Pa.

Children of William Jacob Aument and Sarah Elizabeth Keen

LEILA ESTELLA AUMENT,[8] b. 6-14-1895. m. 4-23-1925 to Robert Love Kennedy [b. in Ireland 10-1-1889], son of Elizabeth Love and Samuel Kennedy. c. none. Leila Estella Aument Kennedy and her husband made their home in Philadelphia, Pa., where he recently died.

ONA MARY AUMENT,[8] b. 7-13-1909. m. Oct. 1935 to Grant Sharp. c. one daughter.

Children of Sarah Estella Aument and Benjamin Edgar Fritz

EDGAR AUMENT FRITZ,[8] b. 7-28-1894.

Children of Elias Irvin Aument and Amanda Denlinger

PEARL D. AUMENT,[8] b. 12-25-1895. She keeps house for her father and teaches music. Their home is in Quarryville, Pa.

EDNA A. AUMENT,[8] b. 10-2-1896. m. 10-10-1916 to Eugene C. Smith, [b. 6-13-1895], son of Gilbert and Elizabeth Smith. c. E. Claire [b. 7-16-1917] and Donald [b. 7-29-1922.] Edna A. Aument Smith's husband is employed in a bank at Gap, Pa.

ROY J. AUMENT,[8] b. 1-19-1901. m. 4-29-1922 to Florence LeFever, [3-18-1901, daughter of Irvin and Emma Book LaFever. c. Roy Ivan [b. 1-1-1924. Died in infancy];

Jean Elizabeth [b. 2-16-1925]; Clyde Richard [b. 7-26-1929]. and Glen Dale, [b. 3-14-1938]. Roy J. Aument is a farmer and lives on his father's farm near Quarryville, Pa.

Children of Cyrus Clifford Aument and Myrtle Ingram

WILLIAM EVERT AUMENT,[8] b. 7-22-1903. He has been a clerk in the New York Store in Lancaster, Pa., for several years.

VELMA MARY AUMENT, b. 10-1-1910. She was graduated from Millersville State Normal School, Millersville, Pa., and is now [1938] teaching.

Children of Cora Ellen Wentz and Saunders Andrew Wilson

ERMA L. WILSON,[8] b. 6-4-1894. m. 1-27-1926 to Elmer W. Ehler, [b. 5-30-1882], son of George and Elizabeth Ehler. Erma L. Wilson Ehler's husband is a very successful lawyer. Their home is in Colonial Park, near Harrisburg, Pa.

ALETHA R. WILSON,[8] b. 11-15-1899. She has been keeping house for her father in Harrisburg, Pa., since the death of her mother.

Children of Lelia Wentz and Edgar Roy Eshleman

PAUL E. ESHLEMAN,[8] b. 5-29-1905. d. 9-12-1905.

DOROTHY MUSETTA ESHLEMAN,[8] b. 5-2-1917. m. 7-30-38 to Latta McClellan. Graduated from Goldey Business College, Wilmington, Delaware, and is now [1938] employed by the Security Storage Company, Wilmington, Del.

SARAH ELIZABETH ESHLEMAN,[8] b. 1-11-1921. Graduated Oxford High School, Chester County, Pa., in 1938.

EDGAR ROY ESHLEMAN, JR.,[8] b. 6-30-1924.

Children of Ida Melissa Pegan and Samuel Grove

JOHN EVELYN GROVE,[8] b.————, d.————, m. Elizabeth Yealor. c. Two daughters. John Evelyn Grove is deceased.

FRANCIS HENRY GROVE,[8] b.————, m.————,

Mary McLaughlin of Delta, Pa., c. Marian Elizabeth, Mary Evelyn, and Francis Henry who died in infancy.

WAYNE PENNY GROVE,[8] b.————, m.———— Hannah McCleary. c. Wayne Kenneth, Anita May, Louise Elizabeth, Dale Wallace, Herbert Adams, Carl Warren, Leonard Allison. All living at home [1938], in York, Pennsylvania. Wayne Penny Grove is a mechanic at George Motters' Sons, a firm celebrating its Centennial in York, Pennsylvania, in 1938.

WILLIAM ALLISON GROVE,[8] b.———, d.———, m.———— Irene Alexander. c. Alexander Allison. William Allison Grove lived in Detroit, Michigan, at his death. His wife died in Arizona some years previous to his death.

CLAIR JAMES GROVE,[8] b.————, m.———— Blanche Gable. c. Gertrude Melissa, who is a student at Hood College, Frederick, Maryland, [1938]. Clair James Grove's home is in York, Pennsylvania. He is a Railway Postal Clerk. [1938].

SAMUEL MERTON GROVE,[8] Died in infancy.

ANNA MATILDA GROVE,[8] b.————, m. Melvin Horn; c. Sara Esther, Romaine and Roger Melvin—all living at home [1938] Anna Matilda Grove Horn and her family reside on a farm in Longstown, York County, Pa.

SARAH MARY GROVE,[8] b.————, m. Harry Sinclair, c. None. Sarah Mary Grove Sinclair and her husband reside on the late Samuel A. Grove's farm, near Longstown, York County, Pa. [1938].

JAMES RUSSELL GROVE,[8] born————, m. Helen Sentz, c. None. James Russell Grove and his wife reside near Yorkana, Pa., on a farm. [1938].

SAMUEL GAIL GROVE,[8] b.————, m. Ada Witmer, c. Donald. Samuel Gail Grove's home is in York, Pa. He is a mechanic at Chain Works, York, Pa. [1938]

Children of Alice Eva Pegan and Wilkins Grove

PAUL B. GROVE,[8] b.————. m. Ida Workinger. c. Jean and Bernice—at home [1938]. Paul B. Grove is a farmer near High Rock, York County, Pa.

Children of Mary Lena Pegan and Robert E. Wickersham

JOHN CLYDE WICKERSHAM,[8] b. 4-28-1894. He is a carpenter and lives at Russellville, Chester County, Pa., with his parents.

MARY ADELAIDE WICKERSHAM,[8] b. 6-8-1904. m. Edgar D. Miller, son of John and Martha Miller, on April 30, 1931. Mary Adelaide Wickersham Miller's home is in Russellville, Chester County, Pa. [1938]

Children of Cheyney Penny and Belle McConnell

LILA MAE PENNY,[8] b. 3-8-1902. m. 1924 to Alfred Wilde. c. James Alfred [b. 7-20-1926]. Lila Mae Penny Wilde attended Temple University, and later taught school in Philadelphia, in East Drumore Township, and in Oxford, Pa.

Children of Bertie L. Aument and Walter W. Boyd

DOROTHY MARIA BOYD,[8] b. 9-9-1906. She is conducting a beauty parlor in Philadelphia, Pa., and lives at home with her widowed mother.

DONALD J. BOYD,[8] b. 1-1-1913. m. 9-28-1935 to Barbara Dickenson Meade, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Meade, of Lansdowne, Pa. c. Donald Dixon [b. 10-10-1936]. Donald J. Boyd is employed by the Marshall Field Company in New York, N. Y.

Children of Lawrence A. Aument and Anna Helm

KENNETH A. AUMENT,[8] b. 10-1-1909. m. 8-39-1934 to Gertrude Herr, [b. 7-26-1913]. Kenneth A. Aument assisted his father to farm at the home farm near Quarryville, Lancaster County, Pa. Later, a salesman in Lancaster, Pa.

HORACE D. AUMENT,[8] b. 10-14-1910. At the present time [1933] he is employed in Washington, D. C. with a large dairy firm.

MIRIAM H. AUMENT,[8] b. 1-25-1912. m. 6-26-1937 Raymond Scott, [b. 3-19-1911]. Miriam H. Aument Scott attended Millersville State Normal School, Millersville, Pa., and taught school previous to her marriage. Her husband is a wholesale dealer in eggs and poultry at Mt. Bethel, Pa.

JAY L. AUMENT,[8] b. 7-4-1913. Graduate of Temple University, Philadelphia, Pa. Jay L. Aument is now [1938] with the Philco Radio Company, Philadelphia, Pa.

HAROLD E. AUMENT,[8] b. 12-23-1918.

FRANK W. AUMENT,[8] b. 10-19-1922.

LEWIS AMENT,[8] b. 1-24-1926.

Children of Lucie Calhoun Penny and Lewis Krauser Philips

PAUL LEWIS PHILIPS,[8] b. 4-13-1924.

LUCILE ELIZABETH PHILIPS, b. 1-7-1929.

Children of Merton L. Overholt and Katherine Cecilie Hitaffer

LESLIE MERTON OVERHOLT,[8] b. 3-18-1906.

KATHERINE OVERHOLT,[8] b. 11-24-1913. [Twin]

WILLIAM FENTON OVERHOLT,[8] b. 11-24-1913 [Twin]

Children of Hallie Overholt and Horace Weinagle

ETHEL LORA WEINAGLE,[8] b. 4-23-1915.

Children of Early Earnhart and Wynona Lamborn

HAROLD BARNARD EARNHART,[8] b. 12-22-1893. m 7-7-1920 Marian Isabel Brown; [b. 8-19-1897; d. 2-7-1939], daughter of Howard Brown and Rachel McFarland, Coatesville, Pa. She is buried in Union Cemetery, Lancaster County, Pa. Harold Barnard Earnhart was graduated from the New York Electrical School and has since 1920 conducted an electrical contracting business with his brother in Oxford, Chester County, Pa.

RAYMOND THOMAS EARNHART,[8] b. 3-2-1900. m. 6-20-1936 Elizabeth Ruth Kirk, [b. 2-8-1908], daughter of Mary Stubbs Kirk and the late Pinkney Kirk, of Freemont, Chester County, Pa. Raymond Thomas Earnhart graduated from Oxford High School. He, too, was graduated from New York Electrical School and, as stated above, is now [1938] associated with his brother in the electrical business in Oxford, Chester County, Pa.

Children of Grace Penny and Lawrence Shoemaker

HELEN MARIE SHOEMAKER,[8] b. 12-23-1906. d. 9-17-1932. m. 1-7-1929 James Towig Kelly, son of Connor and Catherine Kelly. c. Jacquelin Grace [b. 4-22-1930]. Helen Maria Shoemaker attended Philadelphia School of Arts until her marriage. She was actively engaged in the work of the Oxford Presbyterian Church since childhood. She is buried in Oxford Cemetery, Chester County, Pa.

REBA PENNY SHOEMAKER,[8] b. 6-27-1910. m. 9-1-1930 to E. Willard Bailey, [b. 10-24-1907], a son of Elwood W. and Estella Clark Bailey. Reba Shoemaker had special music instruction. She, too, was active in church work. She and her husband reside near the home of her parents.

ESTHER ELIZABETH SHOEMAKER,[8] b. 3-11-1918. Graduate of Oxford High School, Oxford, Chester County, Pa., and of the Rider Business College, Trenton, New Jersey, graduating with honor in 1937. She, too, is an active Christian worker.

Children of Mary Gertrude Wentz and Wade Johnson

TILLMAN DAVIS JOHNSON,[8] b. 1912. m.————. Graduates from Jefferson College, Philadelphia, Pa., in June 1938, following which he will be an interne in the General Hospital, Lancaster, Pa. [Date of marriage and name of his wife not known when this history was compiled.]

ANNA JEANETTE JOHNSON,[8] b. 1915. Graduated from William and Mary College, Williamsburg, Virginia. Returned to her home city to teach—Ogden, Utah.

Children of James David Wentz and Eulalah I. Preston

JOHN E. WENTZ,[8] b. 3-30-1903. m. [1] 9-15-1922 Estelle Lee Howell, [b. 12-5-1908] of Drumright, Oklahoma. c. John Pannall [b. 7-17-1924 at Pittsburg, Kansas. d. 10-26-1924 and is buried at Drumright, Oklahoma]; and Jacqueline Estelle [b. 1-2-1926 at Drumright, Oklahoma. d. 2-3-1929 and is buried at Drumright, Oklahoma.] m. [2] 2-6-1936 Odelia Dee Rockwell, [b. 1-17-1917] of Ellis,

Kansas. c. None. John E. Wentz was born at Westville, Indian Territory [now Oklahoma]. He has been most generous in lending his family history data, invaluable family photographs and other information which he has assemble] down through the years for liberal use in the compiling of this Wentz Family History. His data have been of especia] interest concerning the Wentz's who went West many years ago. He is now in the employ of the Inter-State Oil Company, 87 Shawnee Avenue, Kansas City, Kansas. [1938]

DAVID WILLIAM WENTZ,[8] b. 9-18-1904. d. 6-23-1931. m. 2-6-1931 Edith Hewitt [b. 1906. d. 6-23-1931]. c. None. David William Wentz was born at Sulphur Springs. Arkansis. He and his wife were murdered in their home near Webb City, Missouri, and are buried at Pittsburg, Kansas.

GLEN PRESTON WENTZ,[8] b. 8-23-1906. m. [1] 9-1-1922 Margaret Hardman. c. Glendene [b. 5-25-1923]. m. [2] Corinne ————. c. None. m. [3] 8-4-1935 Marion Gibbs [b. 1910]. c. None. Glen Preston Wentz was born at Sulphur Springs, Arkansas. He is now living in San Francisco, California. [1938]

PAUL ALBERT WENTZ,[8] b. 9-22-1909. m. 11-10-1935 Josephine Variot, [b. 7-18-1910], of Frontenac, Kansas. c. Ronald Paul [b. 9-21-1937]. Paul Albert Wentz was born at Lanagan, Missouri, and is now living at Pittsburg, Kansas. [1938]

EULA MAXINE WENTZ,[8] b. 9-7-1914. m. Walter T. Davis of Mulberry, Kansas. c. None. Eula Maxine Wentz Davis was born at Noel, Missouri.

EVA MARIE WENTZ,[8] b.————. She is living at home with her parents at Grandview, Missouri.

JACK EARL WENTZ,[8] b.————. He is living at home with his parents at Grandview, Missouri.

Wentz Reunion, Chestnut Level, Pa., July 4, 1938

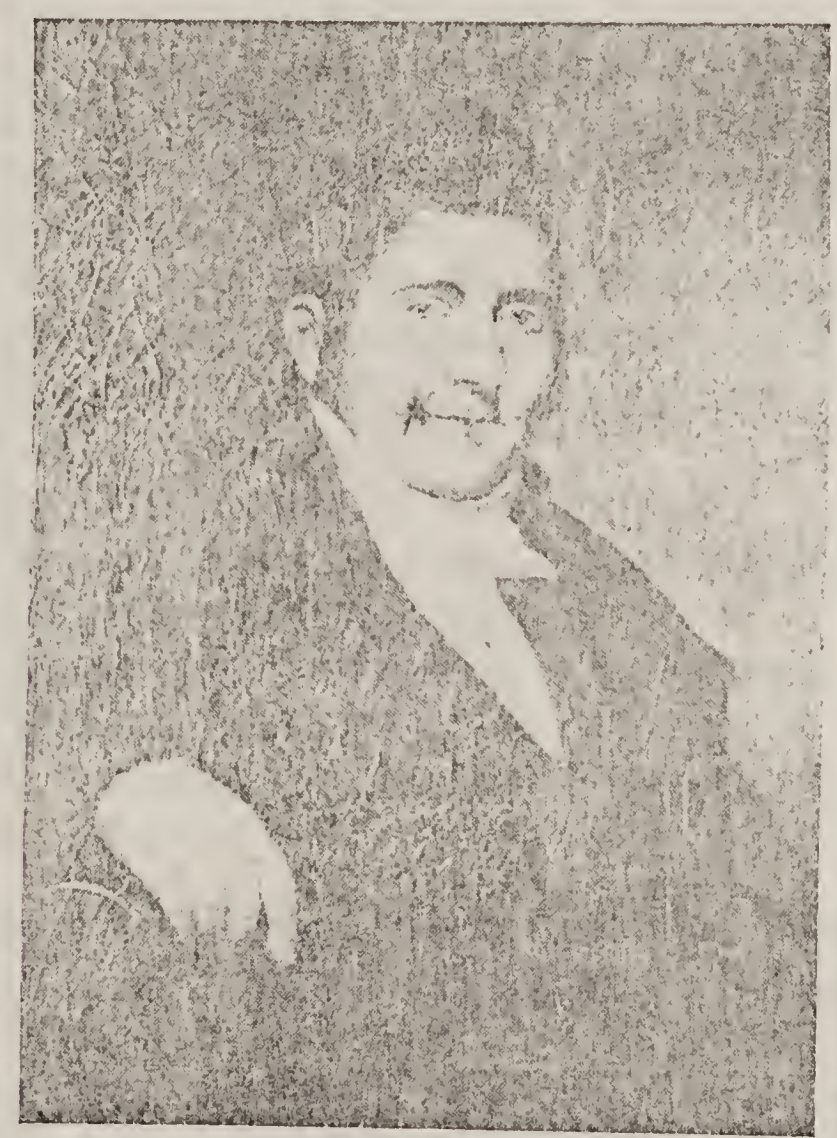
VII

Descendants of

THOMAS WENTZ

Son of John, Peter, 2d, Peter, the Immigrant

THOMAS WENTZ,[4] son of John and Susanna [Dickensheed] Wentz,[3] Peter,[2] Peter.[1] b. 5-21-1780. d. 5-29-1829. m. [1] 2-25-1808, Catherine Eordon, daughter of Martin and Elizabeth Eordon, Lancaster, Pa., [b. 7-9-1789. d. 3-18-1817]. c. Harriet Groff, Elizabeth, Eleanor, John Martin and Catherine, twins. m. [2] 4-19-1818, Anna



THOMAS WENTZ
Son of John and Susanna Dickensheed Wentz
[From a Painting by Arthur Armstrong]

Maria Eordon, sister of his first wife, [b. 8-11-1800. d. 10-15-1869. Buried in Lancaster Cemetery]. c. William Joseph, Charles Eordon, Henry Caspar, Adelaide Fraime, Ann Elizabeth, and Thomas Jackson. Anna Maria Eordon

was twice married, her second husband being a Methodist minister whose name was Lednum. They had two children, both girls. General Lafayette said of Anna Maria Eordon that she was the most beautiful woman he ever had seen. Thomas Wentz conducted a livery in Lancaster, Pa., and on several occasions conveyed General Lafayette in his coach.

Children of Thomas Wentz and Catherine Eordon

HARRIET GROFF WENTZ,[5] b. 12-19-1808. m. 9-25-1827 to Arthur Armstrong, who died many years before his wife. c. Amanda, Elizabeth, and Margaret. Arthur Armstrong was an artist and painted a life-size picture of his wife's father, Thomas Wentz. Miss Irena Penny now has this portrait [1938]. In their home were several paintings, including portraits of several members of the family. They lived in Lancaster, Pa., on North Duke Street. They were both buried in the old cemetery in Lancaster, Pa.

ELIZABETH WENTZ,[5] b. 11-20-1812. d. Jan. 1816. Buried in Lancaster, Pa.

ELEANOR WENTZ,[5] b. 1-13-1815. m. Richard Kerfort. They had one son, Charles A. Kerfort, who m. his first cousin, Margaret Armstrong.

JOHN MARTIN WENTZ,[5] b. 2-15-1817. [Twin.]

CATHERINE WENTZ,[5] b. 2-15-1817. [Twin]. m. James M. Pannell, 12-22-1842. They went to the South where she died.

Children of Thomas Wentz and Anna Maria Eordon

WILLIAM JOSEPH WENTZ,[5] b. 2-4-1819. d. 5-10-1819.

CHARLES EORDON WENTZ,[5] b. 4-6-1820. d. 9-1-1885. m. [1] 5-30-1853, Helen Haldeman, daughter of Henry and Frances [Steman] Haldeman. She died 10-29-1863. c. Mary Helen, Stella Margaret, and Henry Haldeman. m. [2] 8-9-1870, Virginia Galliner, West Chester, Pa. c. Virginia Leila, Anna Kathleen, and Charles Hancock. Charles Wentz and his two brothers, Thomas and Henry, at one time had a store in Lancaster, Pa., where the New

York Store is now. There were three small stores on this site and they had one of these, called the "Bee Hive." It is likely that Charles is buried in Lancaster, Pa.

HENRY CASPAR WENTZ,[5] b. 5-22-1822. m. Margaret Howett. c. Charles, James C., Thomas J., Henry, Leila, and Frank Howett.

ADELAIDE FRAIME WENTZ,[5] b. 1-26-1824. d. ca. 1920. Buried in the Wentz vault in Lancaster Cemetery, Lancaster, Pa.

ANNE ELIZABETH WENTZ,[5] b. 3-23-1826. d. 1828.

THOMAS JACKSON WENTZ,[5] b. 10-1-1828.

Children of Harriet Groff Wentz and Arthur Armstrong

AMANDA ARMSTRONG,[6] Unmarried. See history under Elizabeth Armstrong below.

ELIZABETH ARMSTRONG,[6] Unmarried. After the death of their father, Arthur Armstrong, Amanda, Elizabeth, and their mother went West where the girls opened a store. They were quite successful and amassed quite a fortune. They moved back to Lancaster, Pa., and bought a home on North Duke Street, where they lived until their death. They are all buried in the Lancaster Cemetery.

MARGARET ARMSTRONG,[6] m. Charles A. Kerfort, her cousin. They went to Chicago and were living there at the time the city was burned. They barely escaped with their lives. Mr. Kerfort began business again in the city and amassed a large fortune. Margaret Armstrong Kerfort is buried in Lancaster, Pa.

Children of Charles Eordon Wentz and Helen Haldeman

MARY HELEN WENTZ,[6] b. 12-4-1854. d. 10-1-1880. Buried in the Wentz vault in Lancaster Cemetery.

STELLA MARGARET WENTZ,[6] b. 5-29-1858. m. Dr. Henry Shotwell Wood. c. None. Stella Wentz Wood lived in Glen Ridge, N. J. She and her nephew, Haldeman Wentz, lived for a time in Rome, Italy, where later she lived with Bridgetine nuns in a convent, before returning to East Orange, N. J.

HENRY HALDEMAN WENTZ,[6] b. 11-5-1861. m. Lillian Bullock, 12-1-1887. c. Haldeman Bullock, b. 8-30-1895.

Children of Charles Eordon Wentz and Virginia Galliner

VIRGINIA LEILA WENTZ,[6] b. 6-16-1871. m. Lieut. Robert Lake, Tacoma Park, Md.

ANNA KATHLEEN WENTZ,[6] b. 4-23-1873. m. Mr. Stavey, Long Island, N. Y.

CHARLES HANCOCK WENTZ,[6] b. 9-25-1880. Lives in Washington, D. C.

Children of Henry Casper Wentz and Margaret Howett

CHARLES WENTZ,[6] Deceased. c. Dorothy J., Lawrence, Raymond.

JAMES C. WENTZ, Deceased. c. Mary Helen, 268 Ashbourne Road, Elkins Park, Pa.; H. Howett, Stuyvesant, Buffalo, N. Y.

THOMAS J. WENTZ.[6]

HENRY WENTZ,[6] Deceased.

LEILA WENTZ,[6] m. Joseph A. Reed. c. Leila, Josephine, Lucinda W. [d. unmarried], Clarence [the lawyer, now—1937—in Philadelphia, Pa.]

FRANK HOWETT WENTZ,[6] d. 2-5-1781, age 9 years. Buried Lancaster Cemetery.

Children of Henry Haldeman Wentz and Lillian Bullock

HALDEMAN BULLOCK WENTZ,[7] b. 8-30-1895. Graduated with honors from the University of Pennsylvania. Served in the World War with the A.E.F. in France.

VIII

Descendants of

MATTHIAS WENTZ

Son of Peter, 2d, Peter, the Immigrant

JONATHAN WENTZ,[4] son of Matthias and Lydia [DeHaven] Wentz,[3] Peter,[2] Peter.[1] b. July 30, 1776. d. March 5, 1836. [Tombstone, Union Churchyard, Whitemarsh, Montgomery County, Pa.] m. Margaret Scheetz, daughter of General Henry and Elizabeth [Hocker] Scheetz. She was born March 31, 1787. d. December 5, 1822. Buried in Union Cemetery, Whitemarsh.

Children of Jonathan and Margaret [Scheetz] Wentz:

HENRY S. WENTZ.

ELIZABETH S. WENTZ, b. October 4, 1814. m. November 1, 1831, Samuel Shugard. One daughter:

ELIZABETH MARGARET SHUGARD.

CATHARINE H. WENTZ, m. September 2, 1841, John Shade Children:

AMANDA SHADE

MARGARET SHADE, m. Thomas Bitten.

MARY SHADE.

HOLLAND SHADE, d. November 29, 1900.

CATHERINE SHADE.

HENRY SHADE, d. 1897.

JOHN SHADE.

GEORGE HOCKER WENTZ, b. April 21, 1818. d. June 21, 1882, m. Sarah Ann Wentz.

Henry Scheetz, 2d, b. 1764, d. 1848, father of Margaret [Scheetz] Wentz, was a Revolutionary soldier and a Major-General in the War of 1812. He operated a paper mill on Sandy Run, and was for many years conspicuous in politics. He married, 1st, Elizabeth Hocker, b. 1766. d. 1825, daughter of George Hocker, the owner of "Erdenheim" [German for "Earthly Home"], situate in Springfield and Whitemarsh Townships [now the property of the Carson College for Orphan Girls], from about 1765 until his death, October 16, 1821.

Henry Scheetz and wife sold to Jonathan Wentz, "Merchant-Miller," a grist mill and three lots of land in Whitemarsh.

[Montgomery County, Pa., Deed Book No. 39, p. 72]

Jonathan Wentz was probably the first of the name to settle in Whitemarsh. In 1815 he bought from his father-

in-law a large tract of land west of Bethlehem pike and bordering the Wissahickon, below Hope Lodge, on Mill road, and there he operated a grist mill and lime kilns. He conducted quite an extensive business, having 40 horses engaged in hauling lime and limestone.

Jonathan Wentz lived in Springfield Township at the time of his death, in the house located on the southwest side of the Chestnut Hill and Springhouse Turnpike Road, near the corner of the road leading to what was lately known as "Cleaver's Mill," formerly owned by Henry Scheetz.

Will of Jonathan Wentz, late of Whitemarsh, Montgomery County, Pa., dated September 7, 1833, probated March 12, 1836. Mentions real estate in Germantown and Whitemarsh and interest in a plantation late the property of his father Mathias Wentz, deceaesd, in Whitpain Township. All to be sold at public sale and the proceeds thereof to be added to the proceeds of personal estate. $50.00 to housekeeper, Mary Bush, and balance to be divided into three equal parts. Interest on one third part to my daughter Elizabeth S. Shugard, intermarried with Samuel Shugard, and at her death, principal and interest to her issue. One third part to daughter Catherine H. Wentz, and interest on one third part to son, George H. Wentz, when he arrives at age of 21 years until he is 30 years of age. My friend, General Henry Scheetz guardian for my children during minority. In respect to my undutiful son, Henry S. Wentz, who is indebted to me for the sum of $3600, I give him the debt as his full share of my estate, real and personal, and no more.

Executors: My trusty friends, Genl. Henry Scheetz and Evan Jones
Witnesses: John M. Jones and Henry Daub.

[Montgomery County, Pa., Will Book 7, p. 475]

February 26, 1839. Settlement of Estate of Jonathan Wentz by General Henry Scheetz and Evan Jones, shows a sum for distribution among his heirs of $20,004.24½.

[Original Papers, Norristown, No. 20327]

One Hannah Wentz married a son of General Henry and Elizabeth [Hocker] Scheetz.

GEORGE HOCKER WENTZ,[5] son of Jonathan and Margaret [Scheetz] Wentz,[4] Matthias,[3] Peter,[2] Peter.[1] b. April 21, 1818. d. June 21, 1882, Springfield Township, Montgomery County, Pa.; buried in Union Cemetery, Whitemarsh, Pa. m. Sarah Ann Wentz, his first cousin, daughter of Captain Jacob and Catherine [Heller] Wentz. b. July 31, 1822. d. August 15, 1894.

Children of George Hocker and Sarah Ann [Wentz] Wentz:

MARGARET MARTIN WENTZ, b. November 30, 1843. d. October 17, 1928. m. Samuel Stadelman Jones.

CATHERINE WENTZ, b. January 1, 1846. d. March 8, 1898.

JACOB WENTZ, b. January 27, 1849. m. Ella Thompson.

THERESA BITTING WENTZ.

EMMA WENTZ, b. October 21, 1853. d. November 24, 1855

JOHN ADAM WENTZ, b. November 1, 1856. d. May 29, 1919. Single.

WILLIAM A. WENTZ, b. October 25, 1859. d. 1932, at Fort Washington.

ELLA M. WENTZ.

May 12, 1902. Letters of Administration, Montgomery County, Pa.

MARGARET MARTIN WENTZ,[6] daughter of George Hocker and Sarah Ann [Wentz] Wentz,[5] Jonathan,[4] Matthias,[3], Peter,[2] Peter.[1] b. November 30, 1843, at Hope Lodge, Whitemarsh, Pa. d. October 17, 1928, Norristown, Pa. Buried in Union Cemetery, Whitemarsh, Pa. m. March 14, 1870; at Philadelphia, Samuel Stadelman Jones, b. March 25, 1844 son of John M. Jones [b. June 14, 1796. d. June 12, 1872] and his second wife, Hannah Matlack Trasel [b. April 5, 1805. d. April 2, 1864], and the great, great, great grandson of Rev. Malachi Jones [b. 1651. d. 1729] "Late of the Parish of Clodock, County of Hereford, Great Britain," who was the first minister of Abington Presbyterian Church, Montgomery County, Pa., founded 1714. Margaret Martin Wentz's will proved, Montgomery County, Pa., November 27, 1928. Samuel S. Jones' will proved, same place, May 25, 1932.

Children of Samuel Stadelman and Margaret Martin [Wentz] Jones:

HARRY P. JONES, b. October 17, 1871. d. June 5, 1877.

FLORA M. JONES, b. July 20, 1873. Lives in Norristown, Pa

FRANKLIN M. JONES, b. March 13, 1878. m. October 24 1906, Mae B. Love, daughter of William W. and Maria [Strahan] Love.

HOWARD HARLAN JONES, b. April 20, 1880. m. February 15, 1919, Dorothy Merritt Cockrill, daughter of Dr. Joseph M and Elizabeth L. Cockrill. Daughter

DOROTHY MERRITT JONES,[8] b. November 15, 1919.

JACOB WENTZ,[6] son of George Hocker and Sarah Ann [Wentz] Wentz,[5] Jonathan,[4] Matthias,[3] Peter,[2] Peter.[1]

b. January 27, 1849. m. February 19, 1890, Ella Thompson, [b.November 27, 1868].

Children of Jacob and Ella [Thompson] Wentz:

JACOB HARLAN WENTZ,[7] b. December 30, 1890. m. April 30, 1930, Evelyn Irene Witman. Children:

NANCY LOUISE WENTZ.[8]

VIRGINIA ANNE WENTZ.[8]

RAYMOND THOMPSON WENTZ,[7] b. April 13, 1895. m. November 4, 1933, Mabel Hathaway Johnson. Child:

WILLIAM ROBERT WENTZ.[8]

SARAH ANNA WENTZ,[7] b. April 6. 1898. m. April 19, 1922. George E. Taylor. Children:

WILLIAM E. TAYLOR,[8] d. October 5th, 1928.

ETHEL NAOMI TAYLOR.[8]

ROBERT CARROLL WENTZ,[7] b. February 25, 1902. m. November 13, 1935, Ada Louise Kimbel. Child:

ROBERT CARROLL WENTZ,[8] b. September 9, 1836.

JOHN ADAM WENTZ,[6] son of George Hocker and Sarah Ann [Wentz] Wentz,[5] Jonathan,[4] Matthias,[3] Peter,[2] Peter.[1] b. November 1, 1856. d. May 29, 1919. Single. In 1898, John A. Wentz, was elected state senator from Montgomery County, Pa. The will of John A. Wentz, of Whitemarsh, dated July 21, 1917, probated June 5, 1919, gave his entire estate to his sisters, Theresa B. and Ella M. Wentz.

SAMUEL WENTZ,[4] son of Matthias and Lydia [DeHaven] Wentz,[3] Peter,[2] Peter.[1] b. January 20, 1780. Baptized May 7, 1780, at Wentz's Church. m. January 17, 1807, Sarah Tatem, at Second Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia.

Children of Samuel and Sarah [Tatem] Wentz:

LYDIA WENTZ.

Samuel Wentz was County Treasurer, 1819-1821.

Deed, February 7, 1820. Samuel Wentz, of Philadelphia, and Sarah, his wife, to Jonathan Wentz, of Whitmarsh Township, Montgomery County, Pa., a lot on Penn Street.

[Philadelphia Deeds I. W. 5, p. 326]

Deed, March 10, 1820. Samuel Wentz, of Philadelphia, Taylor, and Sarah, his wife, to Levi Wentz, of Springfield Township, Montgomery County, Pa., farmer, in consideration of $800, a house on George St., Philadelphia.

[Philadelphia Deeds I 5, p. 328]

LEVI WENTZ,[1] son of Matthias and Lydia [DeHaven] Wentz,[3] Peter,[2] Peter.[1] b. July 8, 1781. d. August 27, 1844. Buried at Union Cemetery, Whitemarsh, Montgomery County, Pa. m. Ann Redifer. b. June 6, 1785. d. March 27, 1848. Buried at Union Cemetery, Whitemarsh.

Children of Levi and Ann [Redifer] Wentz:

CHARLES R. WENTZ, b. April 9, 1807. d. March 6, 1858. m. Mary Ann Shriver.

ELIZABETH WENTZ. b. December 21, 1810. d. December 18, 1885. m. Henry Streeper.

EMANUEL CHRISTIAN WENTZ, b. June 10, 1812. d. December 15, 1893. m. Sarah Engard.

SENECA PERRY WENTZ, m. Elizabeth Ann Kolbflesh.

Deed, September 30, 1830. Levi Wentz, of Upper Dublin, and Ann, his wife, to Peter Engard, of Bristol Township, a tract of 91¾ acres which Conrad Amich and Mary, his wife, by deed of September 20, 1830, granted to Levi Wentz.

[Norristown Deeds 46, p. 439]

Letters of Administration on the estate of Levi Wentz, of Upper Dublin, were granted September 9, 1844, to Charles R. Wentz, of Whitemarsh, and Emanel C. Wentz, of Whitpain.

The Petition of Charles R. and Emanel Wentz, December 4, 1844, sets forth that their father, Levi Wentz, died intestate August 27, 1844, leaving a widow, Ann, and four children, viz., Charles R., Emanuel C., Seneca P., and Elizabeth, wife of Henry Streeper, and died seized of three tracts of land.

[Original Papers, 20545]

See orphans Court Book, Montgomery County, Pa.. No. 8, 108; Deed Book 72-239; 100-86.

The original Distributive Statement of the Estate of Levi Wentz, late of Upper Dublin Township, Montgomery County, Deceased, signed by Charles R. Wentz, Emanuel C. Wentz, Henry Streeper, and Seneca P. Wentz, March 16, 1846, shows that Levi Wentz died possessed of property valued at $14,739.83. One-third of this was the widow's dower; the remainder was divided equally among the four children.

Witness: Christr Keisel

[Original document in the possession of W. P. Wentz, New York City]

April 2, 1849. Declaration of Elizabeth Streeper, wife of Henry Streeper and daughter of Levi Wentz, deceased.

Whereas. I, Elizabeth Streeper. the wife of Henry Streeper, of the city of Trenton, N. J., paper maker, daughter of Levi Wentz, late of Upper Dublin, Montgomery County, deceased, am entitled to the sum of $165.00, proceeding from the sale of part of the real estate of said Levi Wentz, being one-fourth part of the balance of the final settlement of the estate of Levi Wentz made by the Administrators, and

also the further sum of $3,575.00, proceeding from the partition of the remaining part of the real estate of said Levi Wentz, being the one-fourth part of the valuation of the same upon proceedings in the Orphans Court, adjudged to the descendant's sons at such valuation, together amounting to the sum of $3,740.00. Now I do certify and declare that I consent and agree that the same be paid to my husband, the said Henry Streeper, without any security or condition whatever.

Witness my hand this 2nd day of April, 1849.

Christr Kniesel [Signed] Elizabeth Streeper

[Original Papers, 20545]

CHARLES R. WENTZ,[5] son of Levi and Ann [Redifer] Wentz,[4] Matthias,[3] Peter,[2] Peter.[1] b. April 9, 1807. d. March 6, 1858. m. 1826, Mary Ann Shriver, b. March 14, 1803. d. January 19, 1876, daughter of John and Catherine Shriver.

Deed, April 2, 1834. Charles R. Wentz and George Shriver, Administrators of John Shriver, to Jesse Gilbert, a tract of 24 acres, sold by direction of the Orphans Court.

[Norristown Deeds, 49, p. 608]

April 6, 1858. Petition of Mary Ann Wentz, widow of Charles R. Wentz, late of the Township of Whitemarsh, Montgomery County, deceased, respectfully presents

That Hannah Wentz and Charles Reese Wentz, children of your Petitioner and of the said Charles R. Wentz, deceased, are minors under 14 years, and recommended appointment of George Shriver, of Springfield Township, said county, as guardian.

[Original Papers, 19859]

March 3, 1859. First Account of Mary Anna and George S. Wentz, Administrators of Charles R. Wentz, late of Whitemarsh Township, deceased.

November 15, 1864. Orphans Court. The petition of Mary Ann Wentz, widow of Charles R. Wentz, late of the Township of Whitemarsh, in the County of Montgomery, deceased, and of George S. Wentz, Albert D. Wentz, Sarah Ann Wentz, John S. Wentz, Ellen, intermarried with Dr. B. F. Jacoby, and of George Shriver, guardian of Hannah Wentz and Charles Reese Wentz, minors. That the said decedent died in said township in the year 1858, leaving a widow, the said Mary Ann, and issue, seven children, to wit: The said George S., Albert D., Sarah Ann, John S., Ellen, Hannah, and Charles R. Wentz, and was seized in his demesne as of fee of and in a certain messuage and two contiguous tracts of land situate in said Township of Whitemarsh.

No. 1. A messuage and tract on a road leading from Chestnut Hill springhouse and Bethlehem Turnpike to Jenkintown in the line

of Joseph Lukens' land, lands formerly of Dr. Martin, and the township line road between Upper Dublin and Whitemarsh and land of Henry Scheetz, containing 102 acres and 31 perches, excepting land occupied by N. Pa. R. R.

No. 2. The other tract containing 7 acres, 85 perches. Recites that the widow, who has heretofore farmed this property, is now unable to do so and asks that the property be sold and that the Administrators be authorized to sell same.

[Norristown Orphans Court, Original 19,858]

Deed, February 29, 1868. George Shriver, of Springfield Township, Montgomery County, Pa., and Hannah, his wife, Mary Ann Wentz, late Shriver, widow of Charles R. Wentz, deceased, Milton Newberry and Lucinda, his wife, and Anna M. Newberry, all of Whitemarsh, the said Milton Newberry and Anna M. being the only children of Catherine Shriver, who was intermarried with George Newberry, both parents being deceased, and John Conrad, Macon County, Illinois, Dorathea, his wife, late Shriver, they being all the heirs and legal representatives of John Shriver, deceased. To George W. Shriver, of Springfield Township, a small tract in Springfield Township.

[Norristown Deeds, 158, p. 417]

Deed, August 1, 1873. Mary Ann Wentz, of Philadelphia, widow of Charles R. Wentz, George S. Wentz, of Luzerne County ,and Anna M., his wife, Albert D. Wentz, of Montgomery County, and Cecilia, his wife, John S. Wentz, of Luzerne County, Pa., and Mary, his wife, Benjamin F. Jacoby, of Lehigh County, and Ellen, his wife, Hannah Wentz, of Philadelphia, and Charles Reese Wentz, also of Philadelphia, Pa., to North Pennsylvania Rail Road in consideration of $1200 a lot situate in Whitemarsh Township, Montgomery County, adjoining land conveyed to said railroad company by Charles R. Wentz, containing 1 acre, being part of a tract of 102 acres late the estate of Levi Wentz, deceased, which was adjudged and confirmed by Orphans Court of Norristown, February 17, 1845, to said Charles R. Wentz, eldest son of said deceased, who being seized thereof died intestate leaving him surviving a widow, the above named Mary Ann Wentz, and six children, viz., George S. Wentz, Albert D. Wentz, John S. Wentz, Ellen now the wife of Benjamin F. Jacoby, Hannah Wentz, and Charles Reese Wentz, to whom the said property descended.

Witnesses:
Joshua Stahler
to B. F. Jacoby and wife.
Charles H. Aiman
for Albert D. Wentz & wife
James J. Allison
as to Mary A. Wentz
Hannah Wentz
C. R. Wentz

[Signed] Benj. F. Jacoby
Ellen Jacoby
Mary A. Wentz
Hannah A. Wentz
.C. Reese Wentz

George S. Wentz
John S. Wentz
Mary D. Wentz
Albert D. Wentz
A. Cecilia Wentz

August 7, 1873, before me, Thomas Robinson, J. P., of Jeddo, Luzerne County, Pa., appeared George S. Wentz and Anna M., his wife, John S. Wentz and Mary D., his wife, and acknowledged the above indenture.

August 7, 1873, before me, Joshua Stahler, Alderman of the City of Allentown, Pa., appeared Benjamin F. Jacoby and Ellen, his wife, and in due form of law acknowledged the above indenture.

[Norristown Deeds 212, p. 480]

Will of Mary A. Wentz, of Whitemarsh Township, Montgomery County, Pa., dated September 21, 1867, probated February 3, 1876, mentions daughters, Sarah Ann Wentz, Hannah Wentz, and Ellen Jacoby, wife of Benjamin Jacoby.

Executors: John S. Wentz, M. D.

Witnesses: M. Newberry and Lucinda M. Newberry

[Philadelphia Wills 86, p. 301]

Children of Charles R. and Mary Ann [Shriver] Wentz:

LEVI WENTZ,[6] b. July 9, 1827. d. October 15, 1830. Buried in Union Meeting burial grounds, Whitemarsh, Montgomery County, Pa.

GEORGE SHRIVER WENTZ,[6] M. D., b. March 5, 1829. d. 1903. m. December 17, 1858, Anna Maria Leisenring, b. December 21, 1838. d. September 17, 1896, daughter of John and Anna Maria [Stedman] Leisenring. Children:

JOHN LEISENRING WENTZ,[7] b. October 31, 1859. m. 1st, Martha Sharpe, b. 1862. d. 1889. He m. 2d, Ada Stoecker.

ANDREW LEISENRING WENTZ,[7] b. June 15, 1860. d. April 28, 1876.

MARY ANN WENTZ,[7] b. June 5, 1863. d. November 4, 1868.

GEORGE LEISENRING WENTZ,[7] b. August 20, 1869.

PERRY LEISENRING WENTZ,[7] b. December 3, 1875. m. 1900, Miss Graham.

AMELIA WENTZ,[6] b. June 12, 1831. d. October 25, 1832.

ALBERT D. WENTZ,[6] b. June 25, 1833. d. December 5, 1891. m. Anna Cecilia Heist.

SARAH ANN WENTZ,[6] b. April 3, 1836. d. October 22, 1782. Single.

JOHN SHRIVER WENTZ,[6] M. D., b. March 25, 1838. d. July 3, 1919. m. Mary Douglass Leisenring, daughter of Judge Leisenring. April 4, 1858, Petition of John S. Wentz

for a guardian sets forth he is a minor above the age of 14 years and is a son of Charles R. Wentz, late of Whitemarsh, deceased. George Shriver was chosen and appointed by the Orphans Court. [Norristown, Original No. 20,389]. Dr. John S. Wentz was the senior member of a powerful group known as the Wentz interests that owned a cement company and coal mines. [The American Magazine, March, 1929]. Children:

DANIEL BERTSCH WENTZ,[7] b. September 4, 1872. m. Louise Finley. He was elected president of the American Mining congress in Washington, December 11, 1925. Home—"The Orchard," Wyncote, Philadelphia, Pa. Served with distinction in the World War. [A full biographical sketch of Col. Daniel B. Wentz and his family may be found in Jordan's Encyclopedia of Biography, Vol. 13.] Children:

DANIEL B. WENTZ,[8] Jr., b. June 10, 1903. m. October 1, 1927, Elizabeth Joyce Sewell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sewell, of "Ardnaree," Rydal.

MARY DOUGLASS WENTZ,[8] m. in the gardens of "The Orchard," T. F. Dixon Wainwright, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clement Reeves Wainwright, of Chestnut Hill.

JOHN LEISENRING WENTZ,[7] b. October 13, 1874. d. January 26, 1917. m. December 6, 1904, Sarah Brinton Wentz, b. May 21, 1880, daughter of Dr. John H. and Sarah [Brinton] Wentz. She m. 2d, Judge Lewis Audenried, of Philadelphia Members of Philadelphia society at Watch Hill: the Misses Wentz and their mother and uncle, Mrs. Lewis Audenried, of 1800 De Lancey Place and Haverford, and Jasper Yeates Brinton, of the International Supreme Court of Egypt. Children:

WILLIAMINA WEYMYSS WENTZ,[8] b. December 26, 1905.

SARAH BRINTON WENTZ,[8] b. October 11, 1907. m. Mr. Sinkler. Home—Goshen Road, Paoli, Pa.

EDWARD LEISENRING WENTZ,[7] b. October 31, 1877.

ELLEN WENTZ,[6] b. April 10, 1840. d. October 13, 1881. m. Benjamin F. Jacoby, M. D. They lived in Allentown, Pa.

HANNAH WENTZ,[6] b. June 5, 1844. d. December 14, 1885. Single.

CHARLES REESE WENTZ,[6] b. August 31, 1846. d. October 28, 1915. Single.

ELIZABETH WENTZ,[5] daughter of Levi and Ann [Redifer] Wentz,[4] Matthias,[3] Peter,[2] Peter.[1] b. December 21, 1810. d. December 18, 1885. m. May 13, 1830, Henry Streeper, of Trenton. b. August 25, 1807. d. January 24, 1874. Children:

MALINDA STREEPER,[6] b. September 5, 1837.

EMANUEL WENTZ STREEPER,[6] b. March 6, 1831. d. January 16, 1893, at Princeton, N. J. m. December 12, 1855. Sarah P. Edwards, b. July 15, 1836, at Sag Harbor, L. I. Daughter:

ISABEL FRANCES STREEPER.[7]

MARY A. STREEPER,[6] b. December 5, 1832. m. December 5, 1854, Jacob T. Waart, b. October 29, 1831. d. December 20, 1891.

GEORGE A. STREEPER,[6] m. 1856, Emma Becket, b. March 25, 1834. Children:

MARY ANN STREEPER,[7] b. November 7, 1856. d. March March 12, 1866.

LAURA V. STREEPER,[7] b. June 4, 1861. m. Thomas A Bell. Daughter:

EMMA MARY BELL,[8] b. June 26, 1881.

ELIZABETH WENTZ STREEPER,[7] b. March 19, 1868. d. April 5, 1892.

EMANUEL CHRISTIAN WENTZ,[5] son of Levi and Ann [Redifer] Wentz,[4] Matthias,[3] Peter,[2] Peter.[1] b. June 10, 1812. d. December 15, 1893, Intestate. m. Sarah Engard, b. January 22, 1819. d. December 16, 1885.

Deed, January 30, 1858, Emanuel C. Wentz, of Whitpain Township, Montgomery County, Pa., and Sarah, his wife, to Joseph Detwiler, of Upper Dublin, a lot in Whitemarsh, part of a tract of which Levi Wentz died seized intestate and adjudged by the Orphans Court to Emanuel C. Wentz, a son of Levi.

[Norristown Deeds, 109, p. 449]

July 13, 1894, Emanuel C. Wentz died intestate, December 15, 1893, and Letters of Administration were granted to John B. Crowson, gentleman, and Emanuel F. Wentz, Gorgas Lane.

Securities: Charles R. Rittenhouse, 5413 Germantown Ave.
Thomas Riley, 5446 Germantown Ave.

[Philadelphia Administrations, Vol. 3, p. 281. Original, 76]

Children of Emanuel Christian and Sarah [Engard] Wentz:

LEVI WENTZ, b. October 21, 1837, in Marysville, Ohio. m. Margaret ————.

MARY JANE WENTZ, b. December 31, 1839. Died in infancy.

PETER ENGARD WENTZ, b. August 19, 1841. d. June 2, 1909. m. May 19, 1867, Susan Elizabeth Barrows, b. October 31, 1846.

LYDIA ANN WENTZ, b. May 1, 1843. Died in infancy.
ELIZABETH VIRGINIA WENTZ, b. February 1, 1845. d. 1908. m. Henry [?] Gibson.
SARAH PRINCE WENTZ, b. November 9, 1846. m. Amos Marple.
MARY ANN WENTZ, b. September 20, 1848. d. March 4, 1921. m. Joseph Thomas.
EMANUEL FRANKLIN WENTZ, b. March 9, 1850. m. Sally Johnson.
WILLIAM HENRY WENTZ, b. February 1, 1852. m. Josephine Lipp.
CATHERINE GERTRUDE WENTZ, b. February 1, 1852, m Henry Smith. Twins.
CHARLES AUGUSTUS WENTZ, b. July 22, 1854. m. Wilhelmina Hess.
MILTON NEWBERRY WENTZ, b. May 1, 1856. m. Annie Strouse.
THEODORE ENGARD WENTZ, b. January 17, 1858. m. Catherine Hess.

Children of Peter Engard and Susan Elizabeth [Barrows] Wentz:

MARY WENTZ,[7] b. May 5, 1868. d. May 16, 1868.

SARAH AIMAN WENTZ,[7] b. May 30, 1869. m. October 31, 1902, Christian Berger Searing, b. December 14 1867. No issue. Residence, Roosevelt Blvd. and Pennypack Circle, Philadelphia.

CHARLES JOSEPH WENTZ,[7] b. September 16, 1871 m. September 12, 1893, Mary A. Mattes. b. September 11, 1871. Children:

MARY HELEN WENTZ,[8] b. July 7, 1894.
CHARLES JOSEPH WENTZ,[8] b. February 9, 1901. m. January 14, 1922, Ida Elizabeth Purvis, b. February 18, 1901.

ANNA BOTTON WENTZ,[7] b. February 17, 1873. m. December 23, 1892, Harry Lawrence McClelland. Living in Germantown, Pa. Children:

RALPH EDWARD McCLELLAND,[8] b. January 24, 1897.
HARRY LAWRENCE McCLELLAND,[8] b. April 16, 1902.
ANNA ELIZABETH McCLELLAND,[8] b. September 28, 1910.

EMANUEL CHRISTIAN WENTZ,[7] b. February 20, 1875. Single. Germantown, Pa.

LAURA MAY WENTZ,[7] b. March 31, 1876. m. October 27, 1895, Frank Kelsey Courtney. Lived in Germantown, Pa. Son:

FRANCIS ENGARD COURTNEY,[8] b. August 31, 1896. m. June 28, 1919, Hannabelle Arnold. Children:

MARY ANN COURTNEY,[9] b. March 17, 1920.

FRANCIS ENGARD COURTNEY,[9] Jr., b. October 7, 1922.

WALTER ENGARD WENTZ,[7] b. November 16, 1878 m. 1st, April 15, 1903, Janette Watters McClenaghan, who was born July 25, 1880, d. June 23, 1911. m. 2d, December 13, 1912, Sarah Elizabeth Stallman, who was born June 28, 1870. No issue by second marriage.

Children of Walter Engard and Janette Watters [McClenaghan] Wentz:

WALTER ENGARD WENTZ,[8] Jr., b. April 4, 1904. m. September 24, 1932, Elizabeth Hoopes Macky, b. July 19, 1909. Walter Engard Wentz is a physician in Media, Pa. Children:

JANETTE STALLMAN WENTZ,[9] b. July 28, 1934.

JUDITH BROOKS WENTZ,[9] b. March 6, 1936.

CAROLYN ENGARD WENTZ,[9] b. June 23, 1938.

CORA GALLOWAY WENTZ,[8] b. January 13, 1906. d. January, 1908.

ELLA WENTZ,[7] b. August 5, 1880. m. June 7, 1898, William Cheesman. Children:

MIRIAM CHEESMAN,[8] b. August 8, 1899.

ALICE CHEESMAN,[8] b. February 15, 1901.

ETHEL CHEESMAN,[8] b. July 14, 1903.

WILLIAM CHEESMAN,[8] Jr., b. January 22, 1910.

RALPH CHEESMAN,[8] b. February 5, 1919.

GILBERT TOURISON WENTZ,[7] b. December 12, 1885, m. May 26, 1909, Laura Heffinger. No issue.

MABEL GOODMAN WENTZ,[7] b. August 11, 1887. d. October 14, 1918. m. June 12, 1912, William H. Zinser, Jr. Daughter:

MARGARET ELIZABETH ZINSER.

SENECA PERRY WENTZ,[5] son of Levi and Ann [Redifer] Wentz,[4] Matthias,[3] Peter,[2] Peter.[1] m. Elizabeth Ann Kolbflesh. He d. 1865. They were living in Berlin Township, Delaware County, Ohio, in April 12, 1849, when they conveyed to George Stout, of Whitemarsh, in consideration

of $980, a tract situate in Upper Dublin Township adjoining land of Justus Scheetz, it being the same land of which Levi Wentz, father of said Seneca Wentz, died seized; and same was adjudged to Seneca P. Wentz, third son of the deceased. [Norristown Deeds 77, p. 249]

WILLIAM P. WENTZ is the grandson of Seneca Perry Wentz He and his wife Helen live in New York City.

JACOB WENTZ,[4] captain, son of Matthias and Lydia [DeHaven] Wentz,[3] Peter,[2] Peter.[1] b. February 5, 1785, Worcester, Pa. d. August 27, 1855, "Hope Lodge," Whitemarsh, Pa. Tombstone, Union Cemetery [Lutheran Church], Whitemarsh, Pa. m. Catherine Heller, daughter of Daniel and Barbara Heller, of Upper Dublin Township, Montgomery County, Pa. b. January 18, 1797. d. December 7, 1857. She was the granddaughter of Christopher Heller, who migrated from Germany and settled in Northampton County, Pa., being the founder of the hamlet, Hellertown.

The will of Daniel Heller, of Upper Dublin, Montgomery County, Pa., dated August 14, 1826, probated August 24, 1829, mentions wife, Barbara, sons, Daniel and George, and other children.

Executors: Son-in-law Jacob Wentz and son George.

Captain Jacob Wentz was in command of a company of the 52nd Regiment, First Brigade, Second Division, Montgomery County militia, and was encamped at Marcus Hook. November 13, 1814.

Pa. Archives, 2d Series, Vol. 12, page 499, lists "Captain Jacob Wentz" in the War of 1812.

"I certify that the Company commanded by Capt. Jacob Wentz is in the service of the United States under orders of the General commanding the Fourth Military District."

Fourth Military District Samuel Smith, Brig. Gen.
Marcus Hook.

Deed, June, 1832. Jacob Wentz purchased from Colonel John G. Watmough, et. al., the famous estate, "Hope Lodge," in Whitemarsh Township, Montgomery County, Pa.

[Montgomery Co., Pa., Deed Book No. 43, pp. 269, 274]

"Hope Lodge," one of the finest monuments of colonial architecture in this section of America," built perhaps in 1720 [not later than 1735], stands several hundred feet back from Bethlehem pike, north of St. Thomas' Church,

Whitemarsh Township, Pa. [Nearby is Ft. Washington, the remains of the earthen redoubt marking the site of the encampment of Washington's army in the fall of 1777.] Its high ceilings, large rooms, wide hallways, and spacious

HOPE LODGE
BUILT 1720 FORT WASHINGTON, PA.

fireplaces suggest that in Colonial times it was the home of people possessing far more means than the average farmer.

It is built of hand-made brick, imported from England. There are eight large rooms on the first two floors, and each contains a huge fireplace, some faced with marble, but most of them surrounded by masonry and faced with old Dutch tiles of a most beautiful type. In the back wall of each fireplace is a large casting of the British Coat-of-Arms, the crest, upon the royal helmet the imperial crown, thereon a lion; supporters, the lion and unicorn, the center encircled with the motto of the Order of the Garter, **Honi soit qui mal y pense** [Evil be to him who evil thinks], and the motto of the English sovereigns, **Dieu et mon Droit** [God and my right], in the compartment below the shield, with the union

roses, shamrock, and thistle engrafted on one stem. All around the finished attic are secret chambers in which women and children could hide from Indian attacks.

The Philadelphia Record of Friday, October 13, 1922, gives the following tradition: Henry Hope, a rich banker of London and Amsterdam, built the house in 1784. His purpose was to provide a magnificent mansion for his bride. Carved wood-work and beautiful tiling were used in profusion. The wide hallways, large rooms, and high ceilings all indicate an intention to indulge in lavish hospitality. But Hope never brought his bride to the new home. There is a tradition that at a celebration just before the date set for the wedding Hope indulged in some coarse talk about the girl he was to wed. This came to her ears, and she thereupon broke the engagement. Hope never married. He owned the Whitemarsh property until 1807, when he sold it to James W. Watmough. Hope died in London in 1811. Watmough died in 1812, and his heirs held Hope Lodge until 1832, when they sold it to Jacob Wentz."

Members of the Morris family owned much land thereabouts, and some claim that Samuel Morris built the house. The name Hope Lodge was given to it by James Watmough some time after the Revolution in recognition of Henry Hope, noted banker of Amsterdam, through whose help Mr. Watmough had greatly profited. Notwithstanding picturesque traditions about an apocryphal Lord Hope who built Hope Lodge, no one of the name of Hope ever lived there nor owned the place.

In 1832, the property, at that time contained about 208 acres, was purchased for $18,000 by Jacob Wentz, and remained in the possession of the Wentz family for nearly a century, until 1921, when Mary L. Wentz, the widow of Thomas J. Wentz, sold the mansion house, Hope Lodge, and about 20 acres of land, to Dr. Mattison, of Keasbey & Mattison, of Ambler, who bought the house and farm for the purpose of acquiring control of the limestone on the lands. Dr. Mattison retained 7 acres of the land and sold the house and adjoining ground to William L. Degn, of 47

West Phil-Ellena Street, Germantown, who has given much study to the restoration of the house, having hand-made tiling, hinges, locks and other fittings constructed to correspond to the products of the eighteenth century craftsmanship.

Will of Jacob Wentz, of Whitemarsh Township, Montgomery County, Pa., dated August 21, 1855, probated September 4, 1855. All personal property to be sold at public sale and to rent out a part of the plantation consisting of mansion house and 65 acres lying on northeast side of Wissahickon Creek, bounded by said creek and Chestnut Hill and spring house Turnpike road, schoolhouse lot and lands of Jacob W. Haines containing 18 acres herein devised to my two sons, Thomas and John, until the latter arrives at age of 21 years or until the death of my wife. Mentions son Daniel, wife Catherine, daughter Theresa. Bond for $950 due by daughter Theresa and her present husband Thomas Bitting, to be discharged. To son Daniel, land by the church road and land late of Joseph Mather, deceased, lands of Henry Scheetz, deceased, and Joseph Lukens containing 70 acres. A messuage and plantation southwest side of Wissahickon Creek and Skippack road and lands of Henry Dickinson, Frederick B. Robinson, and Joseph Lukens containing 59 acres in trust for benefit of my daughter Sarah and her husband, George Wentz, during their joint lives and the survivor of them and remainder to issue of said Sarah and George in fee. In case of their deaths without issue surviving, then ½ to the legal heirs of daughter Sarah and ½ to heirs of George Wentz. To son John, at age of 21 years, land on the Wissahickon Creek valued at $5,000. To son Thomas, at age of 21 years, land Other real estate to be sold and divided among his other children equally. To daughter Margaret, a house and land valued at $3,000 and at death of said Margaret to her husband, Dr. John A. Martin, during his life. Also provision for children of his daughter Margaret, daughter Elizabeth Amanda, daughter Mary a house and land and $1,200. To German Reformed Congregation of the Union Church, of Whitemarsh, $1,000. Residue after death of wife, to five daughters equally divided, or issue of same, eight children in all.

[Norristown Wills, Book 10, p. 54]

Deed of Release, December 6, 1855. Daniel Wentz and Henrietta, his wife, Thomas J., John, Elizabeth Amanda Wentz, William Yeakle and Mary, his wife, late Mary Wentz, George Wentz and Sarah Ann, his wife, and Thomas Bitting and Theresa, his wife, devisees and legatees of Jacob Wentz by his will of August 21, 1855, to Margaret Martin, another child of said Jacob Wentz and provided in same will that property should go to her husband, Dr. John A. Martin, subject to the payment of an annuity to his wife.

[Norristown, 99, p. 303]

October 11, 1859. John Wentz, son of Jacob, late of Whitemarsh Township, deceased, having attained the full age of 21 years on October 3, 1859, declare that I have examined the accounts and found proper and satisfactory vouchers for all payments and money disbursed as therein stated. Account of Guardians, Daniel H. Wentz, G. K. Heller, and John M. Jones. Estate of $1,896.49.

[Original, 20,393]

October 22, 1859. Bond of Thomas Bitting and Theresa, his wife, and Daniel H. Wentz, said Theresa being a daughter of Jacob Wentz, deceased, guarantees that no further debts or actions against the estate of Jacob Wentz shall be presented.

October 22, 1850, Bond of William Yeakle and Mary, his wife, said Mary being a daughter of Jacob Wentz, to same effect.

October 22, 1859, Bond of John A. Martin and Margaret, his wife, said Margaret being a daughter of Jacob Wentz, to same effect.

Settlement of Estate shows payments to Catherine Wentz, widow, Margaret Martin, Anna Wentz, Theresa Bitting, Mary A. Yeakle as their share in residue of estate $14,146.86.

Executors of Jacob Wentz: Daniel H. Wentz, George K. Heller, and John M. Jones.

[Original 20,384]

Deed, October 25, 1860. Daniel H. Wentz, George K. Heller, and John M. Jones, Executors of Jacob Wentz, of Whitemarsh, to George H. Wentz, of same, for the use of Sarah Ann Wentz, wife of said George H. Wentz and daughter of the said Jacob Wentz.

[Norristown Deeds 120, p. 388]

Children of Capt. Jacob and Catherine [Heller] Wentz:

THERESA WENTZ,[5] b. September 30, 1816. d. December 22, 1890, without issue. m. February 9, 1836, Thomas Bitting, b. October 27, 1817. He was postmaster of Ambler, Pa., and a Justice of the Peace.

MARGARET WENTZ,[5] b. January 28, 1820. m. April 6, 1837, John Adam Martin, M. D., at Barren Hill Church, Montgomery Co., Pa.

SARAH ANN WENTZ,[5] b. July 31, 1822. d. August 15, 1894, at Ambler, Pa.; buried in Union Churchyard, Whitemarsh. m. March 2, 1843, her first cousin, George Hocker Wentz [q.v.] [Letters of Administration, Montgomery Co., Pa August 28, 1894].

MARY ANN WENTZ,[5] b. September 24, 1826. d. February 1, 1888. m. William Yeakle.

DANIEL HELLER WENTZ,[5] b. August 3, 1828 [Wentz Church record]. m. June 19, 1855, Henrietta Heist, of Upper Dublin.

ELIZABETH AMANDA WENTZ,[5] b. August 12, 1830. m. October 7, 1859, Joseph Detweiler.

THOMAS J. WENTZ,[5] b. July 30, 1834. m. Mary Streeper. [Was she the same as Mary A. Streeper, dau. of Henry and Elizabeth Streeper, who m. Jacob T. Warrt, 1854?]

ALBERT JACOB WENTZ,[5] b. September 7, 1836. d. 1837.

JOHN WENTZ,[5] b. October 3, 1838. Will probated 1917. m. September 4, 1859, Ellen Munshower of Norristown, Pa. No issue.

Deed, April 3, 1860. John Wentz, of Whitemarsh, and Ellen, his wife, to Thomas J. Wentz. Recites will of Jacob Wentz, April 21, 1855. [Norristown Deeds 118, p. 21]

Deed, March 24, 1867. John Wentz, of Montgomery County, and Ellen, his wife, to Philip Westcott Lawrence, of Philadelphia, a tract of 77½ acres, consideration $8,000. Recites will of Jacob Wentz and his son John to inherit when twenty-one years old.

[Norristown Deeds 148, p. 423]

Will of John Wentz, of Whitpain, dated April 19, 1912, probated December 27, 1917, mentions nephew, Jacob Wentz, of Whitemarsh, Ella, wife of said Jacob, nieces, Theresa B. Wentz and Ella M. Wentz [children of George H. Wentz].

[Norristown Wills 48, p. 144]

MARY ANN WENTZ,[5] daughter of Capt. Jacob and Catherine [Heller] Wentz,[4] Matthias,[3] Peter,[2] Peter,[1] was born September 24, 1826 [Wentz Church record]. She died February 1, 1888, and was buried in Union Cemetery, Whitemarsh, Pa. On December 27, 1849, she married William Yeakle, of Springfield, Montgomery County, Pa. He was born November 7, 1821, son of Jacob and Gertrude [Urffer] Yeakle. Buried Union Cemetery. Children of William and Mary Ann [Wentz] Yeakle:

ATWOOD YEAKLE,[6] b. October 18, 1850. d. 1888. m. November 10, 1875, Caroline [Caddie] Aiman; b. August 4, 1852; d. January 7, 1929; daughter of Samuel H. Aiman. Children:

WILLIAM L. YEAKLE,[7] b. November 8, 1876. d. June 18, 1886.

ELEANOR GERTRUDE YEAKLE,[7] b. January 1, 1881. m. December 16, 1908, John Jay Corson. Children:

CAROLINE HUSTON CORSON,[8] b. May 4, 1911. m January 2, 1936, Charles Frederick Dixon.

ELEANOR GERTRUDE CORSON,[8] b. May 22, 1913. m. May 7, 1938, Fritz Edelston.

MARY VIRGINIA YEAKLE,[7] b. August 11, 1882. m. November 12, 1907, Henry F. Derr. Children:

MARY VIRGINIA DERR,[8] b. May 23, 1911.

WILLIAM HENRY DERR,[8] b. September 24, 1914.

WALTER ATWOOD YEAKLE,[7] b. August 4, 1887. m. November 27, 1918, Elizabeth Marie Wheeler, daughter of George F. and Mary L. [Stack] Wheeler. She was b. June 3, 1895. Walter Atwood Yeakle is a doctor in Norristown, Pa. Children:

JOSEPH WALTER YEAKLE,[8] b. September 9, 1921.

CHARLES WHEELER YEAKLE,[8] b. November 30, 1926.

GEORGE ATWOOD YEAKLE,[8] b. June 15, 1931.

GERTRUDE YEAKLE,[6] b. June 13, 1852. d. February 12, 1888. m. Lewis H. Clymer, b. July 27, 1857. Children:

EDITH Y. CLYMER,[7] b. September 28, 1883.

WILLIAM M. CLYMER,[7] b. February 3, 1887. m. May Palmer.

AMBROSE B. YEAKLE,[6] b. October 14, 1854. d. November 16, 1920. m. 1880, Emma L. Gilbert, b. January 19, 1860. Children:

ELMER C. YEAKLE,[7] b. December 26, 1880. m. Lilly May Fisher, October 11, 1902. Children:

EDNA MAY YEAKLE,[8] b. August 22, 1903.

MABEL GERTRUDE YEAKLE,[8] b. January 2, 1908.

EDNA MAY YEAKLE,[7] b. January 18, 1882. d. August 26, 1883.

CLARENCE G. YEAKLE,[7] b. July 24, 1884. m. March 24, 1906, Elizabeth E. Gilbert. Children:

HANNAH ELEANOR YEAKLE,[8] b. June 25, 1907.

EMMA ELIZABETH YEAKLE,[8] b. July 24, 1912.

LAURA YEAKLE,[7] b. April 3, 1888. m. 1906, Albert K. Frantz, b. November 19, 1881. Children:

BEATRICE FRANTZ,[8] b. April 27, 1907. Married.

AMBROSE FRANTZ,[8] b. July 1, 1909.

VIRGINIA HELEN FRANTZ,[8] b. June 5, 1918.

WILLIAM A. YEAKLE,[7] b. September 5, 1889. d. September 30, 1889.

JOHN YEAKLE,[6] b. August 21, 1857. d. May 22, 1892. m August, 1882, Julia Welsh. No issue.

Children of Daniel Heller and Henrietta [Heist] Wentz:

ALFRED HEIST WENTZ,[6] b. March 11, 1858. d. August 2, 1929. m. Amanda Walt, who was born July 21, 1845 [?] d. April 26, 1925. Children:

MARY E. WENTZ,[7] b. February 22, 1879. m. Edward Landry. Child:

M. ALBERTA LANDRY,[8] b. 1900. m. Edward Wind. Child:

R. EDWARD WIND.[9]

MILTON S. WENTZ,[7] b. August 26, 1881. No children.

EUGENE S. WENTZ,[6] b. April 18, 1861. m. January 15, 1889, Hannah Kleinfelder, of Wurtenberg, Germany, b. June 5, 1863. Eugene S. Wentz is tax collector at Blue Bell, Pa. Son:

EUGENE DANIEL WENTZ,[7] b. May 9, 1897. m. June 4, 1930, Sarah McHale. No children. They live in Bridgeport, Pa.

EDWIN WENTZ,[6] b. June 19, 1863. m. December 4, 1888, Emma Amberg, who was born March 16, 1863. Children:

HERBERT EDWIN WENTZ,[7] b. November 2, 1893. m. June 29, 1918, Ethel Fleck, b. November 10, 1893. Children:

ADALINE CONARD WENTZ,[8] b. November 24, 1919.

BARBARA ETHEL WENTZ,[8] b. June 9, 1929.

HAZEL PAULINE WENTZ,[7] b. January 18, 1895. m. October 24, 1917, William Cleaver, 2d. Children:

EMILY KATHRYN CLEAVER,[8] b. November 11, 1918.

WILLIAM CLEAVER, 3d,[8] b. December 11, 1928.

ROLLAND BRUCE WENTZ,[7] b. July 6, 1897. d. January 19, 1932. m. June 26, 1918, Sara Shoemaker, b. January 15, 1895 Son:

DONALD BRUCE WENTZ,[8] b. October 6, 1922.

BESSIE RUTH WENTZ,[7] b. March 31, 1902.

BESSIE WENTZ,[6] b. November 8, 1871, at White Marsh, Pa. m. Emmett Carter. Reside: 19 Prospect Terrace, Tenafly, New Jersey.

CHARLES REESE WENTZ,[6] b. October 28, 1874, at White Marsh, Montgomery Co., Pa., m. October 18, 1911, Helen Clarkson, who was born in Philadelphia, Pa., April 6, 1884, daughter of Michael Clarkson. Michael Clarkson's widow m. T. Broom Belfield. Son of Charles R. and Helen Wentz:

CLARKSON WENTZ,[7] b. June 6, 1915. Reside: 335 Woodley Road, Merion, Pa.

IX

Descendants of

ROSANNA (WENTZ) FITZGERALD

Daughter of Peter, 2d, Peter the Immigrant

BARBARA FITZGERALD,[1] daughter of John and Rosanna [Wentz[3]] Fitzgerald, Peter Wentz,[2] Peter.[1] m. William Dyer February 7, 1811. They were married by her cousin, John Wentz, Justice of the Peace. The witnesses, Charlotte Wentz and Sofia Smith. William Dyer was a miller by trade and their married life was spent in and around Phoenixville. He died November 29, 1865. His wife Barbara died November 14, 1875. Both are buried in Morris Cemetery, Phoenixville, Pa. The children of William and Barbara [Fitzgerald] Dyer are:

HENRY DYER,[5] b. March 27, 1814. m. Mary Collman, March 7, 1840. d. on his farm in Chester County, Pa.

CATHERINE DYER,[5] d. May 26, 1891. m. Henry Showalter, b. December 3, 1811, d. April 14, 1888. Their children were:

Sallie Showalter, Charles Showalter, Mary Showalter, Edward Showalter, William Showalter, who fought in the Civil War and was killed in the Battle of Bull Run.

JAMES DYER,[5] m. Sarah Fegely. Their children were:

Mary Dyer, William Dyer, Ada Dyer, Kate Dyer.

ROSANNA DYER,[5] b. April, 1820. d. July 6, 1894. m. Samuel Coffman, b. 1818. d. 1879. Their children were:

Frank Coffman, Kate Coffman, William Coffman, Elma Coffman, John Coffman, Clara Coffman, Lidia Coffman.

ABRAM DYER,[5] m. Hannah Wells and d. 1907. Hannah [Wells] Dyer d. August 17, 1914. Their children were:

CHARLES NORRIS DYER, d. March 23, 1928.
JOHN DYER, b. April 18, 1864. d. December 8, 1896.
IRVIN DYER, d. January 18, 1928.

JOHN DYER,[5] b. 1830. d. October 2, 1882. m. Salina Margaret Pennypacker. Their children were:

HARVEY DYER, d. July 29, 1922.
MAY BELLE DYER, m. William Oscar von Briesen November 6, 1905. She d. March 26, 1936.

MARY DYER,[5] b. July 14, 1835. d. July 16, 1906. m. May 5, 1864, Matthias Pennypacker Showalter, who was born March 30, 1837, and d. March 4, 1900. Both are buried in Homewood Cemetery, Pittsburgh, Pa. Their daughter was:

CLARA JOHN SHOWALTER,[6] b. January 29, 1865, in Phoenixville, Pa. m. December 27, 1887, in Norristown, Pa., to Jacob Bixler Hench, b. February 21, 1863, in Perry Co., Pa.; d. August 27, 1930, and is buried in Homewood Cemetery, Pittsburgh, Pa. Mr. Hench was a graduate of Lafayette College; he conducted The University School for individual instruction. Their children are:

ATCHESON LAUGHLIN HENCH,[7] b. December 31, 1891, in Orange, N. J. m. in Charlottesville, Va., August 27, 1925, Virginia Bedinger Michie, daughter of George R. B. and Haidee Michie. She was born May 17, 1898. Atcheson L. Hench is Professor of English in the University of Virginia, Charlottesville. Their children are:

MARGARET HENCH,[8] b. May 14, 1929.

CLARE SHOWALTER HENCH,[8] b. April 10, 1933.

PHILIP SHOWALTER HENCH,[7] b. February 28, 1896, in Pittsburgh, Pa. m. in Rochester, Minn., July 14, 1927, Mary Genevieve Kahler, daughter of John Henry and Mable Van Campen Kahler. She was born May 11, 1905. Dr. Philip Showalter Hench is a physician on the Mayo Clinic Staff at Rochester, Minn. Their children are:

MARY SHOWALTER HENCH,[8] b. May 20, 1929.

PHILIP KAHLER HENCH,[8] b. September 19, 1930.

SUSAN HENCH,[8] b. July 12, 1933.

MARY HENCH,[7] b. February 28 1896, in Pittsburgh, Pa., twin of Philip. d. February 16, 1897.

MARGARET HENCH,[7] b. May 14, 1897. d .March 21, 1902. Both little girls are buried in Homewood Cemetery, Pittsburgh, Pa.

X

Descendants of

COLONEL JOHN WENTZ

Son of Abraham, Peter, the Immigrant

ABRAHAM WENTZ,[1] son of Col. John and Hannah [Nanna] Wentz,[3] Abraham,[2] Peter,[1] b. March 14, 1786, d. September 11, 1870, aged 84 years. On February 10, 1810, he married Charlotte Tyson, at First Reformed Church, Philadelphia. She was born 1789 and died December, 1881, in her 93d year. Daughter of Joseph Tyson, of Worcester Township, whose will dated September 7, 1825, probated May 16, 1829, mentions daughter, Barbara [single], son Cornelius, and son-in-law Abraham Wentz.

Deed, July 4, 1838. Cornelius Tyson, of Worcester, and Hannah, his wife, Abraham Wentz, of Whitpain, and Charlotte, his wife, to Leonard Styer, of Whitpain Township, in consideration of $2,200, a property on Skippack road containing 6 acres, being the same property which Anthony Steinberger and Susanna, his wife, by deed of November 20, 1836, granted to Cornelius Tyson and Abraham Wentz and other heirs and assigns.

[Norristown Deed Book 47, p. 371]

Will of Abraham Wentz, of Whitpain, dated August 15, 1865, probated November 17, 1870, wife Charlotte, son Abram, son Joseph Tyson Wentz the tavern property. Estate to be sold and converted into money and divided among five children, viz., Joseph T. Wentz; Mary Butler [deceased] to her children; Elizabeth; Barbara; and Abram.

[Norristown Wills, Vol. 12, p. 558]

Children of Abraham and Charlotte [Tyson] Wentz:

JOSEPH TYSON WENTZ,[5] d. single, May 5, 1901, at Norristown, Pa. He owned 40 acres in Whitpain Township, a part of the old homestead.

Will of Joseph T. Wentz, of Norristown, dated May 25, 1895, probated May 13, 1901, mentions sister, Elizabeth. To Alice Bonsall, daughter of my friend, Henry Bonsall; niece, Clara Butler, daughter of deceased sister, Mary Butler. Legacies to Trinity Reformed Church, Norristown, and to Wentz's Church, in Worcester Township, to be used in keeping the tombstone in good order. Nephew, Earl C. Wentz, son of Abraham, $6,000 at age of 21. Should I die before he arrives at age of 21, to pay the sum to his father, Abraham Wentz, in trust for Earl C. Wentz. Residue to children of sister, Mary, who inter-

married with Norman Butler, also deceased; viz., John W., Clara, and Henry Butler.

Executors: Benjamin Thomas, of Bridgeport, and Lorenzo D. Zimmerman.

[Norristown Wills 27, p. 737]

HANNAH WENTZ,[5] died young.

MARY WENTZ,[5] married Norman Butler. Children:

JOHN W. BUTLER,[6] married Emmie ————. Children [Wills of Elizabeth and Barbara Wentz]:

NORMAN BUTLER.[7]
MARY BUTLER.[7]
PAUL BUTLER.[7]
CHARLOTTE BUTLER.[7]

CLARA BUTLER.[6]

HENRY [HARRY] BUTLER,[6] married Bella ————. Children [Ibid.]:

MERRILL BUTLER.[7]
CLARA BELL BUTLER.[7]
FRANK BUTLER.[7]

CHESTER C. BUTLER,[6] d. before 1901. Adopted son, LeRoy

ELIZABETH WENTZ,[5] died June 11, 1902, single.

Will of Elizabeth Wentz, of Norristown, dated March 22, 1901, probated June 26, 1902, mentions nephews, John W. and Henry Butler, sons of her deceased sister, Mary Butler; niece, Clara Butler, only dauhter of same; nephew, Earl C. Wentz, son of brother, Abram, at age of 21 years; and brother, Abram Wentz, guardian of said Earl. To children of nephew, Harry Butler; viz., Merrill, Clarabel, and Frank. Cousin Bartram Bonsall. To Mary, Paul, and Charlotte Butler, children of my nephew, John W. Butler. LeRoy, adopted son of nephew, Chester C. Butler. Cousin Elizabeth Patterson, of West Philadelphia. A sum of $300 to trustees of Swedish Lutheran Church to keep the burial lot and tombstone of my deceased brother, John Wentz, and wife in proper order. $500 to Boehm's Reformed Church to keep my burial lot in good order. Brother, Joseph Tyson Wentz.

Executor: Brother Abram Wentz.

[Norristown Wills, 29, p. 25]

BARBARA WENTZ,[5] b. December 17, 1817. d. November 15, 1885, single.

Will of Barbara Wentz, of Whitpain, dated August 12, 1885, probated January 5, 1886. Legacies to Wentz's Reformed, Boehm's Reformed, and Union Methodist Episcopal Churches, $300 each; nephews, John W., Chester C., Harry Butler, and niece, Clara Butler; nephew, Earl C. Wentz; sister, Lizzie; nephew, John W. Butler, a watch, and

then to his son, Norman Butler, and should said Norman die, to his brother, Paul; niece, by law, Emmie [John's wife], Bible, etc.; nephew, Chester; niece by law, Bella J. Butler; niece, Clara Butler; great niece, Clara Bell Butler; brother, J. Tyson Wentz; sister, Lizzie; Estella L. Guss; friends Miss Mary Ambler, Katie W. Fox.

Executors: Brothers J. Tyson and Ab'm. Wentz.

[Norristown Wills 17, p. 614]

JOHN WENTZ,[5] b. 1822. d. February 8, 1857 [Christ P. E. Church, Upper Merion, Montgomery Co.]. Buried in Swedes Church grounds, aged 35 years. He married Rebecca C. Rambo, who died November 12, 1849, intestate, without children, aged 31 years, and was buried November 14, 1849. [Ibid.]

February 29, 1850, Petition of Samuel D. Phillips, Administrator of the estate of Rebecca C. Wentz, late Rebecca C. Rambo, of Upper Merion, deceased, sets forth that said Rebecca died intestate in November, 1849, leaving a husband, John Wentz, but no issue.

ABRAHAM WENTZ,[5] d. October 29, 1909. He married, April 30, 1868, Louisa Castner, daughter of Jesse and Parthenia Castner, of Gwynedd.

The will of Abram Wentz, of Norristown, Pa., dated January 22, 1907, probated November 4, 1909, mentions son, Earl C. Wentz, to whom he left a sum of $15,000 in trust with the Montgomery Trust Co. Legacies of $4,000 each to Boehm's Reformed Church, Charity Hospital, of Norristown, Wormelsdorf Orphans House, of Lebanon County, Pa.; and $500 each to Union Meeting and Wentz's Church; and $5,000 to Ursinus College. Residue to son, Earl C. Wentz.

[Norristown Wills 37, p. 244]

John Wentz, Mordecai Jones, and Sophia Jones, his wife, were Administrators of the will of Abram Wentz, Jr.

[Norristown Deed Book 1, p. 158]

EARL CASTNER WENTZ,[6] b. October 27, 1883.

HENRY WENTZ.[5]

SAMUEL WENTZ,[4] son of Col. John and Hannah [Nanna] Wentz,[3] Abraham,[2] Peter,[1] b. October 28, 1792, d. September 11, 1826. He married, February 19, 1818, Elizabeth Hart Humphrey, daughter of Col. Thomas and Euphemia [Hart] Humphrey.

September 15, 1810. Petition of Samuel and Daniel Wentz, minors above the age of 14 years. Recites that their grandfather, Abraham Nanna, devised to his grandchildren land in Upper Merion

Township. division to be made when the oldest grandchildren arrived at the age of 21 years. They chose John Wentz, Esquire, as guardian.

[Norristown Orphan's Court Original Papers 19908
Orphan's Court Book 2, p. 333]

Samuel Wentz died intestate. Letters of Administration on his estate were issued October 10, 1826, to Isaac Ellis.

October 13, 1827. Settlement of estate of Samuel Wentz, late of Whitpain Township, deceased, shows he died possessed of a small estate of $889.42.

August 21, 1832. Petition of Elizabeth H. Wentz, widow of Samuel, setting forth that her late husband left issue two children, Thomas and Silas, minors under age of 14 years, and requesting appointment of a guardian. The Court appointed Evan Jones.

[Norristown Orphan's Court, Original 20745]

Will of Thomas Humphrey, of Montgomery Township, Montgomery County, Pa., dated April 21, 1820, probated November 25, 1822, mentions daughter, Rebecca; nephew, Thomas, to have a case of pistols; and son-in-law, Samuel Wentz, a silver-mounted sword.

Executors: wife, Euphemia, Samuel Wentz, and daughter, Rebecca.

Witnesses: Frederick Conrad and Frederick Markley.

Children of Samuel and Elizabeth Hart [Humphrey] Wentz:

THOMAS HUMPREY WENTZ,[5] b. May 21, 1820, d. May 26, 1883. He married, November 20, 1847, Isabella Boyer, who died December 2, 1918, in Norristown, Pa., daughter of George and Catharine [Hoffman] Boyer.

Thomas H. Wentz was one of the prominent men of Montgomery County. He was one of the founders of the Centre Square Lodge, I.O.O.F., and was elected the first Noble Grand. He was a director in the Montgomery National Bank, Gas Company, Water Company, and other local corporations and was a member of the Council. He owned and operated a large brickyard and dealt largely in real estate.

[M. Ange, Biographies of Men of Montgomery County, p. 732]

Deed, June 9, 1847. Thomas H. Wentz, of Whitpain, to Charles Geiger and Wells Tomlinson, of same, a tract of 100 acres situate in Whitpain Township, consideration $3,802.

[Norristown Deeds 71, p. 115]

Deed, October 18, 1851. Thomas H. Wentz and Isabella, his wife, of Norristown, and Silas H. Wentz and Kate A., his wife, to Wells Tomlinson. Recites that Thomas Humphrey bequeathed to his two daughters, Eliza Hart Wentz and Rebecca Reese Humphrey, his entire estate during their lives and at their deaths it was to be equally divided

among their heirs, and said daughters by deed of August, 1851, granted above property to said Thomas H. and Silas H. Wentz. The said daughters were the only children of said Thomas Humphrey, and they with the said Thomas H. Wentz and Silas H. Wentz, children of the said Eliza Hart Wentz, are now all the heirs and legal representatives of the said Thomas Humphrey. [Norristown Deeds 83, p. 349]

Will of Isabella B. Wentz, of Norristown, Pa., probated December 9, 1918, mentions sister, Margaret Boyer, brother, John Boyer, three grandchildren, Thomas Humphrey Wentz, Isabella Boyer Wentz, and John Harris Wentz.

Executor: son, Henry C. Wentz.

[Norristown Will Book 49, p. 485]

Child:

HENRY C. WENTZ,[6] married Kate C. ————. Children:

THOMAS HUMPHREY WENTZ.[7]

JOHN HARRIS WENTZ.[7]

ISABELLA BOYER WENTZ.[7]

SILAS HOUGH WENTZ,[5] married Katherine Ann Gilbert. He was a member of the firm of John Gilbert & Co., Druggists, of 177 North Third Street, Philadelphia.

Will of Silas H. Wentz, of Philadelphia, druggist, dated October 17, 1853, mentions wife, Katherine Ann. Executors to pay her the entire income from my estate so long as she remains my widow, but in case of marriage she is to have but $8,000. To my daughter, Kate Gilbert Wentz, $2,000 at age of 18. Provision made in case of death of his two children without issue, estate to go to his brother Thomas H. Wentz. Mentions real estate in Schuylkill County. Witnesses: David Edwards, Joshua H. Boggs. [Will Book 31, p. 341] Children:

KATE GILBERT WENTZ.[6]

HOWARD EMERICK WENTZ.[6]

DANIEL WENTZ,[4] son of Col. John and Hannah [Nanna] Wentz,[3] Abraham,[2] Peter,[1] b. March 25, 1795. d. February 5, 1833, at St. Augustine, Florida, intestate, unmarried.

Deed, April 1, 1923, Daniel Wentz, of Philadelphia, grocer, to Jacob Shainline, of Montgomery County, Pa., farmer, a tract of 8 acres in Upper Merion, being part of a tract devised by Abraham Nanna to his grandchildren.

[Norristown Deeds, 39, p. 271]

April 10, 1833. Petition of Evan Jones, guardian of Thomas and Silas Wentz, minor children of Samuel Wentz, late of Whitpain. That Daniel Wentz, of Philadelphia, an uncle of the said minors, lately died seized of 2/9 of a messuage and tract of 78 acres in Gwynedd and died

intestate, by reason whereof the said minors became entitled to 1/8 of his share.

August 19, 1833. Statement of Evan Jones that agreeable to order of said Court he sold the interests of the minors to Daniel Gilbert for $151 and same was confirmed.

[Original 19917]

March 14, 1831. Letters of Administration on estate of Daniel Wentz issued to Henry L. Bonsall. $10,000.

[Original 65, Vol. N, 387]

XI

Descendants of

GEORGE WENTZ

Son of Abraham, Peter, the Immigrant

DILLWORTH WENTZ,[1] son of George and Elizabeth [Dillworth] Wentz,[3] Abraham,[2] Peter,[1] b. circa 1787. m. Hannah ————.

Deed, April 10, 1811. Evan Owens, of Northern Liberties, Philadelphia, and Deborah, his wife, to Dilworth Wentz, of same, storekeeper, and George Wentz, of Bristol Township, County of Philadelphia, farmer, a tract in Bristol Township adjoining land of John Loran, containing 72 acres.

[Philadelphia Deeds I, C., 592-599]

Deed, July 3, 1811. Evan Owen and Deborah, his wife, and Dilworth Wentz, both of Northern Liberties, to John Wentz, Jr., of Bristol Township, Philadelphia County, a tract of land in Bristol Township containing 6 acres, a tract conveyed by the Administrators of the estate of Jacob Dilworth, April 10, 1811, as tenants in common.

[S. H. F. 28, p. 519]

Deed, February 20, 1827. Dilworth Wentz, of the Northern Liberties, innkeeper, and Hannah, his wife, to John D. Wentz, of Bristol Township, innkeeper, a lot on Second Street, continued, leading to Frankford, corner of George Wentz's land and Alexander Wilson's, containing 22 acres, consideration $300.

[Philadelphia Deeds G. S. 34, p. 297]

JOHN D. WENTZ,[1] son of George and Elizabeth [Dillworth] Wentz,[3] Abraham,[2] Peter,[1] married Elizabeth ————. He d. December 8, 1881.

Deed, September 9, 1817. John Wentz, Jr., of Bristol Township, Philadelphia County, yeoman, to Joseph Saunders Lewis and Reeve Lewis in trust. A tract in Bristol Township adjoining Jonathan Roberts, George and Daniel Megarge, and John Boyer, containing 6 acres, which Evan Owen and Deborah, his wife, and Dilworth Wentz, by deed of July 3, 1811, conveyed to said John Wentz, Jr., in fee, to permit Rachel Wilson, wife of Alexander Wilson, of Bristol Township, merchant, notwithstanding her coverature, to receive and take for her own use without the interference of her said husband the rents, issues, and profits of the premises hereby granted during the term of her natural life and to have power to will same as if she were unmarried, and in case of death without having made a will, the premises to go to her heirs. [Signed] John D. Wentz, Jr., Witnesses: Silas Wilson and George De-Benneville.

Deed, April 26, 1841. John D. Wentz, of Bristol Township, innkeeper, and Elizabeth, his wife, to John H. Cavender, of Philadelphia A tract in Oxford Township containing 27 acres.

[Philadelphia Deeds, G. S. 30, p. 167]

Deed, October 4, 1843. John D. Wentz, of Bristol Township, innkeeper, and Elizabeth, his wife, to James Robinson, of Philadelphia County, farmer, a tract in Oxford Township containing 48 acres bought at sheriff's sale, December 15, 1838.

[Philadelphia Deeds R. L. L. 8, p. 630]

Deed, September 16, 1845. John D. Wentz, of Bristol Township, farmer, and Elizabeth, his wife, to Samuel G. Ford, 2½ acres bought by John D. Wentz under the name of John D. Wentz, Jr., from Joseph S. Lewis, Reeve Lewis, and Rachel, wife of Alexander Wilson, October 16, 1817.

[Philadelphia Deeds R. L. L. 45, p. 476; M. R. 22, p. 163]

Will of John D. Wentz, of Cheltenham Township, Montgomery County, Pa., farmer, dated December 5, 1866, probated December 20, 1881, mentions son, Dillworth Wentz; Frances Cook, wife of John Cook, of Germantown. Remainder in three equal parts. Interest on one part to son, Dillworth, and at his death principal among his children; daughter, Margaret Selser, interest on one part and at her death principal to her children; the remaining part, interest thereof to daughter, Mary Ann Altemus, and at her death principal to children.

Trustees: son Dillworth, son-in-law William Selser, and friend George H. Keller.

Executor: son Dillworth.

Witnesses: Isaac and John Shallcross.

[Norristown Wills, 16, p. 176]

Children of John D. and Elizabeth Wentz [named in his will]:

DILLWORTH WENTZ,[5] d. May 11, 1887. m. Margaret H. ————.

Will of Dilworth Wentz, of Philadelphia, dated April 18, 1887, probated May 18, 1887, states he only received the use of $9,000 under his father's will, which was to be divided equally among my children at my death. Farm in Cheltenham Township, near Reservoir station on Newton Railroad purchased from his father's estate. Son Elmer Ellsworth, eldest daughter Millie, son George Wentz my fine double barrelled shotgun. Wife Margaret H. all rest and remainder of estate during her life and at her death to be divided among children [not named] share and share alike.

Executor: wife Margaret H. [818 Preston Street] friend Robert H. Hinckley [127 N. Nineteenth Street].

Witnesses: Henry C. Hamer and D. W. Gross.

[Will Book 133, p. 357]

Children:
ELMER ELLSWORTH WENTZ.[6]
MILLIE WENTZ.[6]
GEORGE H. WENTZ,[6] d. May 21, 1904. m. Clara M. ———.

The will of George H. Wentz, dated July 30, 1895, probated June 3, 1904, mentions wife, Clara M., who is to have entire real estate and personal "including what may come to me from the estate of my father Dilworth Wentz."

[Norristown Wills 31, p. 19]

MARGARET WENTZ,[5] m. William Seltzer. Issue.

MARY ANN WENTZ,[5] m. Altemus. Issue.

GEORGE W. WENTZ,[1] son of George and Elizabeth [Dillworth] Wentz,[3] Abraham,[2] Peter,[1] b. circa 1795 [prior to 1796]. d. 1849, Intestate. m. 1823, Mary Ann Kulp, d. September, 1849.

Deed, August 29, 1836. George W. Wentz, of Bristol Township, farmer, and Mary Ann, his wife, to Jonah Wentz, of same, in consideration of $500. A tract in Bristol Township containing 65 acres, bought by George Wentz and Jonah Wentz as tenants in common from John S. Leibert and Gulubund Maria, his wife.

[Philadelphia Deeds S. H. F. 6, p. 297]

July 18, 1849. Letters of Administration on the estate of George W. Wentz were granted to Nicholas Brouse, of Oxford Township.

Securities: Charles W. Wentz, Levi Foulkrod.

[Administrations Book P, p. 499. Original Papers 267]

Children of George W. and Mary Ann [Kulp] Wentz:

JACOB WENTZ,[5] b. April 2, 1824. d. aged 3 months, 3 weeks, 3 days.

CHARLES WESLEY WENTZ,[5] b. June 2, 1826.

JONAH WENTZ,[5] b. June 27, 1828.

HENRY AUGUSTUS WENTZ,[5] b. January 31, 1831. d. December 17, 1904. m. Rebecca S. Whartenby, b. September 19, 1834. d. July 2, 1910. Children:

GEORGE H. WENTZ,[6] b. January 28, 1860. Lives in Germantown, Pa. m. Henrietta Smith. He has the family bible which formerly belonged to his grandparents, George W. and Mary Ann [Kulp] Wentz. Children:

WILLIAM HENRY WENTZ,[7] b. May 26, 1883. m. Louise Brandle, daughter of Henry and Sarah E. Brandle, of Tioga, Pa. Child:

ELIZABETH BRANDLE WENTZ,[8] b. March 13, 1916.

GEORGE TARR WENTZ,[7] b. November 13, 1884. m. November 9, 1907, Helen A. Hook. Child:

DOROTHY WENTZ,[8] b. July 14, 1908. d July 28, 1908.

RODERICK PROVOST WENTZ,[7] b. December 22, 1890. d. October 20, 1893.

ELIZA WHARTENBY WENTZ,[6] b. August 24, 1861. m. November 23, 1886, Henry K. Mansfield, M. D., of Germantown. Children:

EMILY WHARTENBY MANSFIELD.[7]

CHARLES COLMAN MANSFIELD.[7]

FRANCIS DREXEL WENTZ,[6] b. November 24, 1865. d. March 9, 1893

ISAAC KULP WENTZ,[5] b. January 24, 1833. d. October 24, 1847.

SAMUEL B. WENTZ,[5] b. January 15, 1835.

ELIZABETH KULP WENTZ,[5] b. April 3, 1837. m. Benjamin J. B. Davis.

GEORGE DILLWORTH WENTZ,[5] b. October 15, 1839.

MARY ANN WENTZ,[5] b. September 15, 1844. d. December 11, 1848.

DILLWORTH EDWARDS WENTZ,[5] b. April 10, 1845. [Perhaps an error]

MEYERS L. WENTZ,[5] b. December 21, 1848. d. June 14, 1849.

WILLIAM E. WENTZ,[5] b. July 8, 1849.

JACOB WENTZ,[4] son of George and Elizabeth [Dillworth Wentz,[3] Peter,[2] Peter,[1] m. Hannah [Kulp?]. d. intestate, 1872.

Deed, January 30, 1843. Jacob Wentz, of Bristol Township, farmer, and Hannah, his wife, to Elizabeth Kulp, widow....of the estate of the said Hannah, in consideration of $1.00 and other considerations them moving; a tract in Bristol and Oxford, Philadelphia County, con-

taining 14 acres. Jacob and Hannah to have the privilege of occupancy during their lives.

Witnessesss: John Foulkrod, George W. Wentz.

[Philadelphia Deeds A. W. M. 33, p. 75]

Deed, November 5, 1844. Jacob Wentz and Hannah, his wife, conveyed a tract of 30 acres situate in Oxford Township, bought from John Guilbert and Abigail, his wife.

[Philadelphia Deeds R. L. L. 34. p. 311]

Deed, April 13, 1847. Jacob Wentz, of Bristol Township, farmer, and Hannah, his wife, to John Felton, of same. Trustee of the estate of said Hannah in consideration of $$1.00. A tract in Bristol Township on the north side of the road leading to Frankford which Jonah Wentz and Tacy, his wife, by deed of April 1, 1847, conveyed unto the said Jacob Wentz in trust for the benefit of said Hannah and Jacob Wentz during the time of their lives.

[Philadelphia Deeds A. W. M. 33, p. 92]

Deed, April 3, 1847. Elizabeth Kulp, of Bristol, widow, Jacob Wentz, of same, and Hannah, his wife, to John Guilbert, of same. Refers to a deed of trust January 30, 1843.

[Philadelphia Deeds A. W. M. 82, p. 15]

Letters of Administration on the estate of Hannah Wentz were granted October 24, 1872, to William K. Wentz, 656 North Tenth Street. Securities: Jeremiah Berrell and Edwin C. Wentz.

[Philadelphia Administrations Book U, p. 212. Original Papers No. 894]

Children of Jacob and Hannah [Kulp?] Wentz:

EDWIN B. WENTZ,[5] d. 1873. m. ———Cushman [?]

Child: FREDERICK E. WENTZ.[6]

Will of Edwin B. Wentz, of Philadelphia, Morocco m'fg., dated November 15, 1873, probated February 12, 1874, mentions mother-in-law, Mrs. Francis H. Cushman, brother, William K., son, Frederick E. Wentz.

All my interest in firm of Wentz and Clark, to remain for such time as my Executors shall deem expedient and to sell said interest for cash or credit to my partner, William Clark, or other persons if they consider it advisable to do so.

Sister Caroline E. Wentz, an annuity of $300; residue to son, Frederick E., a minor. Provision for orphan Niece, Laura W. Siddall.

In case of death of son, Frederick E. Wentz, the estate to be equally divided between my brothers, William K. and Samuel D., and sisters, Amanda M. Berrell and Caroline E. Wentz.

Executors: Brother William K. Wentz [who renounced executorship] lived 656 North Tenth Street. Brother-in-law, Jeremiah Berrell, Farmers & Mechanics Bank.

Witnesses: William McGeorge, Jr., George W. Thurston, 32 S. Third Street.

[Will Book 80, p. 403]

CAROLINE E. WENTZ,[5] m. Jeremiah Larzalere.

WILLIAM K. WENTZ,[5] d. February 26, 1895. m. Caroline A. Boyer. No issue.

Will of William K. Wentz, of Philadelphia, Morrocco leather manufacturer, dated August 9, 1887, probated March 14, 1895, mentions wife, Caroline A.—real and personal estate during life, at her death to brother, Samuel D. Wentz, sisters, Amanda M. Berrell and Caroline E. Larzalere, and nephew, Frederick Wentz.

Executrix: Wife, Caroline A. Wentz, 1730 Oxford St., Philadelphia.

Witnesses: Isaac C. Rich and Walter S. Felton.

[Philadelphia Will Book 177,p. 493]

SAMUEL D. WENTZ.[5]

AMANDA M. WENTZ,[5] m. 1st. Theodore Glentworth. 2d, Jeremiah Berrell, of Abington.

JONAH WENTZ,[4] son of George and Elizabeth [Dillworth] Wentz,[3] Peter,[2] Peter.[1] b. March 23, 1801. d. October 29. 1901. m., 1831, Tacy Kulp.

The North Philadelphia and Erlen News, of Thursday, March 16, 1933, tells of "one of the most unique occasions that mark the history of Olney. It is the assembling of the Wentz relatives, from far and near, who came to pay their homage to Uncle Jonah on March 23, 1901, as he reached the century mark.

"It was an all-day affair, beginning in the morning with the singing of several selections by the children of St. James M. E. Church, where Uncle Jonah had been an ardent worker and trustee for more than 60 years.

"The committee in charge of this notable event were: Samuel D. Wentz, George H. Wentz, Mr. Benjamin J. B. Davis, Miss E. Ella Mauger, Miss Sarah L. Brous, and Miss Mary E. Felton, on whose invitation hosts of relatives began to arrive shortly after 1 o'clock, and by 2 o'clock the assemblage had numbered more than 200, many of which did not get in the picture.

"Immediately after the photograph was taken, Uncle Jonah was placed in the south parlor for the reception, where he seemed to enjoy the congratulations and tokens of esteem from many of those present Among the gifts was a handsome down quilt from the trustees of St. James Church.

"The large birthday cake, centrally located on the long table, with its 100 candles and artistically decorated with sateen ribbon, was a special object of interest to all.

"A beautiful poem written especially for the occasion by Miss E. Ella Mauger and read by her sister, Mrs. Frank E. Graeff, was one of the outstanding features of the day.

"As the refreshments were being arranged, Uncle Jonah showed signs of being fatigued, and Drs. Mansfield and Ambler, who were among the guests, ordered his removal to the second floor. Later he was put to bed for rest. However, the festivities continued, the refreshments were served, and a glorious time was enjoyed by all.

"Jonah Wentz was educated at the old Thomas Roberts School, and was a zealous worker for the welfare of this neighborhood long before it received the name of Olney. Later, according to the notes of J. Myers Murray, the war-time school principal, he did much for the advancement of the first Olney Public School. He had many friends and admirers among the members of St. James M. E. Church, to whom in 1860 he gave an acre of ground which was often referred to as 'God's Acre'.

"He passed away October 29, 1901, and was buried Saturday afternoon, November 2, in the old Wentz burial ground, not far from the spot where he labored in his master's vineyard for so many of his well spent years".

Children of Jonah and Tacy [Kulp] Wentz:

LEMUEL K. WENTZ.[5]

JACOB WENTZ.[5]

Two daughters.

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Vertical red lines indicate the generations, Peter Wentz I being the first generation.
Names set in all capital letters are direct family descendants.
Names set in smaller type are members of the family by marriage.
* * * * * indicate the full name of the wife or husband not known.

Wentz Family Tree

Some Descendants of Peter Wentz, the Immigrant

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PETER WENTZ I
PETER WENTZ II
Rosanna Margaretha
MATTHIAS WENTZ
Lydia DeHaven
JONATHAN
Margaret Scheetz
GEORGE HOCKER
Sarah Ann Wentz
MARGARET MARTIN WENTZ JONES
Samuel S. Jones
FLORA M. JONES
DAVID B.
SAMUEL
Sara Tatem
LEVI
Ann Redifer
CHARLES REDIFER
Mary Ann Shriver
JOHN SHRIVER
Mary Douglas Leisenring
DANIEL BERTSCH
Louise Finlay
DANIEL BERTSCH WENTZ, JR.
Elizabeth J. Sewell
ELIZABETH
Henry Streeper
EMANUEL CHRISTIAN
Sarah Aiman Engard
LEVI C.
Margaret?
MARY JANE
PETER ENGARD
Susan Elizabeth Barrows
MARY BARROWS
SARAH AIMAN
Christian B. Searing
CHARLES JOSEPH
Mary Mattes
MARY HELEN
CHARLES JOSEPH WENTZ, JR.
ANNA BOTTOM
Harry L. McCleland
RALPH EDWARD McCLELAND
HARRY LAWRENCE McCLELAND
ANNA ELIZABETH McCLELAND
EMANUEL CHRISTIAN
LAURA MAY
Frank K. Courtney
FRANCIS ENGARD COURTNEY
Hannabelle Arnold
MARY ANN COURTNEY
FRANCIS ENGARD COURTNEY
LAURA LOUISE COURTNEY
BELL COURTNEY
WALTER ENGARD
Janette Walters McClengham
WALTER ENGARD WENTZ, JR.
Elizabeth Hoopes Macky
JANETTE STALLMAN
JUDITH BROOKS
CAROLYN ENGARD
CORA GALLOWAY
ELLA
Wm. Cheeseman
MIRIAM CHRISTINE CHEESEMAN
ALICE ELIZABETH CHEESEMAN
ETHEL HANNARD CHEESEMAN
WM. THOMAS CHEESEMAN, JR.
RALPH EDWARD CHEESEMAN
GILBERT TOURISON
Laura Heffinger
MABEL GOODMAN
Wm. H. Zinser, Jr.
MARGARET E. ZINSER
SENECA PARRY
Elizabeth Kolbflesh
ELIZABETH WENTZ
MARY ANN WENTZ
Joseph Thomas
EMANUEL FRANKLIN
Sallie Sibson
WM. HENRY
Josephine M. Lipp
CATHERINE GERTRUDE
Amadeus Henry Smith
CHARLES ANDREW
Wilhelmina Hess
MILTON NEWBERRY
Annie Strouse
THEODORE ELLWOOD
Catherine Hess
JACOB
Catherine Heller
DANIEL HELLER WENTZ
Henrietta Heist
EUGENE S. WENTZ
MARY ANN WENTZ YEAKLE
Wm. Yeakle
ATWOOD YEAKLE
Caddie Aiman Yeakle
DR. WALTER ATWOOD YEAKLE
JOHN WENTZ
Susanna Dickensheed
JOHN
SUSANNA
ISAAC
Mary Kinkead
SAMUEL
JEREMIAH
Phoebe Dubree
GEORGE
JOHN THOMAS
Anna Amanda Andrews
CHARLES
MARY JANE
Charles Wentz Martin
ARTHUR ANDREWS
Clarissa Pardy Blackman
LOUISE WENTZ PITRE
* * * * *
RUTH PITRE HARANG
MARK DUDLEY
* * * * *
MARK DUDLEY WENTZ, JR.
* * * * *
BARBARA ANN
HELEN
LOIS
JOHN
HANNAH
CHARLES
ELIZABETH
MARGARET
JOSEPH
Sarah Smith
SUSAN
MATILDA
John Spear
DAVID W.
SARAH SUSAN
Hugh McKerral
JOHN HUGH
MARY MATILDA
George Ladd
GRACIE
LEIGH H.
MARTHA IDA
Hiram Lockard
ZELLAH MARGARET
Daniel Bowels
DANIEL
FAITH LENORA
Julius Schmidt
GENEVIEVE
ZELLA B.
LUCIELLE MARTHA

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RALPH McKERRAL
FLAVIUS JOSEPHUS
JOSEPH LYBRAND
Emma Wolf
EMMA JONES
Horatio Wales II
HORATIO III
Merle Owens
ROBERT
CHARLES
FRANK
Carrie Lichty
ELIZABETH
JOYCE
HELEN MARCIA
Arthur Swanson
ELIZABETH MARCIA
HARRY ELBERT
Ruth Perkins
LOUISE
Charles Franks
SARAH ELIZABETH
HARRIET RUTH
JOAN
CHARLES
Mary Graham
WILLIAM DAVID
FRANK CARPENTER
Mary Smith
HAZEL NELL
* * * * * Seyler
MABEL GRACE
Wm. Beresford Beck
BERESFORD E.
* * * * *
DAVID BERESFORD
JOSEPH SPEAR
ELIZABETH
John Heuss
GWENITH ANN
JOHN S.
Sarah Ann Penny
MARY L.
Wm. Morrison
ALICE A.
Frank McPherson
LORETTA R.
JOSEPH P.
Mary E. McCleary
HARRY E.
Mary Roop
HAROLD L.
ZELLA A.
Russell Shenton
JOSEPH P.
Ferne Dessau
M. FREDERIC
Mary Moomau
MARY PATRICIA
MARY L.
HARRY E.
Margaret McGovern
ZELLA
Thomas Ankrim
AURA E.
Thaddeus Dennis
MARY JOYE
Alva Ankrim
RICHARD T.
SARAH E.
Wm. M. Bunting
FREDA MAE
George Kasisky
SARAH E.
MYRTLE A.
Wm. Witman
VAUX O.
JOSEPH E.
Elaine Waising
PATRICIA ANN
WILLIAM J.
Susan Laura Rohrer
LA BERTA
Alfred Moyer
ALFRED
Helen Wisser
SARAH JANE
MARY ANN
WILLIS
Cassandra Durgan
WILLIS
JOHN
Ida Folk
EVELYN
Walter Kerstetter
ELIZABETH
WM. J.
Edna Walstrom
ELSIE
MADELONA
ANNA MARY
PEARL
Samuel Brown
RUSSELL
EARL L.
EDNA
Raymond Ross
GERALDINE
VELLA A.
CARL W.
VERA W.
EDITH
MARY B.
Joseph Warden
FRANK
Kathrine Helm
ADELE
Graeme Mitchell
CATHRYNE
MARIE
EMILY
John Musselman
CHARLES
HUGH P.
Margaret Steele
WM. DWIGHT
Florence Chandler
EDGAR L.
Mary E. Brown
M. BLANCH
Howard Long
MARGARET
Silas Scott
HOWARD JR.
JOHN
Lucinda McPherson (1)
Julia Heibeck (2)
MELVILLE
Mary Ann Hamil
OLIN
LUCY
ALICE
ROBERT
MAUD J.
IVY B.
EMILY
Charles Buck
IRA F.
Jennie Homsher
FREEMAN
Irene Klick
CAROLINE E.
THOMAS H.
Annie B. Roop
ALETA
George Marshall
NANCY
PAUL
Clara Kohler
MILDRED A.
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HELEN K.
JOHN R.
WILLIS
MARY G.
Wade Johnson
TILMAN D.
JEANETTE
JOSEPH
Arline Stauffer
HENRY S.
ROBERT
SARAH E.
William Boyd
CLARENCE
Sarah Etta Stubbs
HANNAH LAURA
James McSparran
GUY F.
Hannah Penrose
EVERETT
Mary Barnet
PAUL
WALTER
Carrie Boyd
HAROLD
ROBERT
JEAN
James F. Estep
ELLWOOD
Mary Nicholson
HELEN
THOMAS J.
CLYDE
Emeline Shoemaker
JAMES
Emeline Smith
RUTH
HARRIET E.
John McComb
HELEN
MABEL
T. Reed Ferguson
T. REED FERGUSON, Jr.
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ADDENDA

Dr. Abdel Wentz. D.D., Ph.D., of Gettysburg. Pa., preached the Memorial Sermon. Sunday morning, June 12. 1927, at the "Feast of Roses" in Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church at Manheim. Pa. During the service he recited the following poem composed by himself:

A LOVE STORY

"Tell me a story," said a little maid
As she climbed on her mother's knee—
"A love story, mother, or one that will show
How the flowers ever came to be."

"You shall have both," said the mother kind,
And she thought of the Father above.
"For to tell how the first little flower was made
Is a beautiful story of love.

"When God made the world all was barren and bare,
With naught of real beauty or grace,
So he cut from the sky little bits of deep blue
And on earth he assigned them their place.

"Now the shining of heaven through those holes in the sky
Makes the love-beams that we call the stars.
And the bits of deep blue. God's forget-me-nots true,
Cheer the earth with a wealth of fair flowers.

"So by day we behold God's own handiwork
In the rich, flowery earth that we tread.
And by night we still ponder the glory of God
In the bright starry heavens o'er our head."

—Dr. Abdel Ross Wentz

He was traveling West and all along the way were forget-me-nots, and one starry night the thought came to him that God had taken pieces from the blue and made the flowers and that the places left vacant were the stars letting the light of heaven shine through.

Dr. Wentz states in a letter that Peter Wentz I was an uncle of his ancestor Valentine Wentz, who came to this country in 1743 with his brother Philip Wentz and whose brother Frederick Wentz came some years later.